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MOPIA Receives UN Accreditation

As of June 27th, 2024, MOPIA has been accredited by the United Nations Environment Programme and its governing bodies. This accreditation by UNEP provides MOPIA with official observer status to the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies. By becoming recognized by them, this engages us to be able to work with the UNEP Governing and subsidiary bodies within the applicable rules and regulations.

This grants MOPIA the opportunities to participate in the Regional Consultation Meeting in our region, contribute to the preparation of Regional Civil Society Statements towards UNEP and Assembly, along with the opportunity to attend plenary sessions of the Committee of the Whole and the Ministerial Consultants as observers and to exchange views and interact with Governments present. With many other opportunities from this monumental moment, MOPIA is proud to bring you this news!



MOPIA at the 46th UNEP OEWG

MOPIA has sent representatives to the 46th Open Ended Working Group to Parties of the Montreal Protocol in Montreal July 8-12. Chair John Kubilanski, Treasurer Kent Cielen and Executive Director Mark Miller are attending. They will highlight activities upon their return, see more details at: <https://ozone.unep.org/meetings/46th-meeting-open-ended-working-group-parties>

2024 World Refrigeration Day

World Refrigeration Day was June 26. This is an annual global awareness initiative that aims to promote the refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump sectors. The 2024 theme was 'Temperature Matters'. This theme allows for a deep dive into just how important temperature regulation is in our society. Many of these applications that need a temperature-controlled environment affect our daily lives, such as the instruments that keep our foods at the proper temperature so we can fuel our bodies. This year's refrigeration day coincided with the 200 th anniversary of the birth of Lord Kelvin, who's work in defining the absolute temperature scale is still used today. To learn more about this, visit: www.worldrefrigerationday.org

ECCC Seeking Feedback on HFC Regulation Control

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) is commencing its next steps in its HFC reduction plan. This accelerated HFC phase-down is aimed between 2024-2029 and will further reduce HFCs in Canada from 40% reduction to a further 70% reduction.

With this further reduction the Federal Government is looking for feedback and unforeseen situations this could affect in specific industries which they have not considered or have full information on and things to consider over the next five years. The phase out plan hopes to achieve a 90% reduction by 2036 and are currently on route to achieve this goal.

They are looking for industry stakeholders input and you may submit your comments directly to Environment and Climate Change Canada by August 9, 2024 via:

<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/Regulations/SOR-2016-137/>

MOPIA in Selkirk, Portage, Brandon - Coming to Morden

MOPIA has been hosting program awareness and outreach sessions this Spring/Summer across Manitoba. From Steinbach to Brandon, Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie. We are sharing pertinent industry news, regulatory information, and hearing from stakeholders. Join us in Morden on July 17th. See www.mopia.ca for meeting dates and locations.



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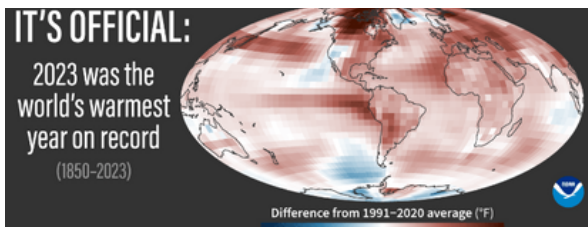
Next In-Person Training Planned for Thursday, July 25

If you or someone you know requires certification for the use of regulated refrigerants, there are various options including on-line, via correspondence and also in-person.

MOPIA continues to offer in-classroom training for those who prefer live instruction. Our next class is tentatively planned for Thursday, July 25 in Winnipeg. The approximately 7 hour training is all book review/study related including environmental and regulation awareness focus. At the end of class there will be a closed-book final exam. This is not a class designed to teach A/C or refrigeration, only the requirements under Manitoba ODS and Other Halocarbons Regulation.

You may register by emailing mopia@mopia.ca, texting to 204 599 8988 or calling 204 338 2222. The cost for participating is \$210/pp.

2023 Was Recorded as the Warmest Year on Record



2023 has now set the record for the warmest year in modern temperature since global records have been keeping track since 1850. The 10 warmest years we have had in this 174 year period was have all occurred in the period 2014-2023.

To see more information on where the averages of warmer temperatures and colder temperatures have been occurring please visit:

<https://www.climate.gov/news-features/featured-images/2023-was-warmest-year-modern-temperature-record#:~:text=The%20year%202023%20was%20the,previous%20record%20set%20in%202016>.

Competition Act Amendments

On June 20th, the federal government passed amendments to the Competition Act that target “Greenwashing”, which is the act of making untested or false/exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of a product or business.

In wake of these new amendments, businesses are encouraged to review and ensure their public representation and claims are all up to standard and to implement stricter compliance programs to decrease the risk of enforcement action or more.

The new amendments prohibit the promoting of a product or business that claims to be environmentally friendly without prior testing. Punishments for infractions can be serious, and starting in June of 2025, can be sought after by private parties.

PFAS Class Action Launched

A class action suit took place in the Supreme Court of British Columbia. The plaintiff is suing 3M Company, Dupont, and The Chemours Company over being exposed to PFAS chemicals in AFFF (Aqueous film-forming foam). This was a civil claim on behalf of James McLeod as he was exposed to these harmful chemicals during his time serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, as well as a firefighter, and was often without appropriate PPE gear. This exposure then caused McCleod to develop cancer, leading to many other sufferings.

Emerging health related information is being discovered about PFAS/PFAO chemicals in relation to the new HFO refrigerants. MOPIA will keep attune to any new developments. See:

<https://naturalrefrigerants.com/refrigerants-link-to-forever-chemicals-known-as-pfas-to-be-addressed-at-atmo-america/>

