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Manitoba Ozone Protection Industry Association

MOPIA PARTICIPATING AT UN OEWG 44 IN BANGKOK

MOPIA will be attending the 44th Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol meeting "virtually"/on-line from July 11-16th.

The Montreal Protocol was signed in 1987 and is the most successful environmental treaty to exist as it has been signed by the Earth's 198 countries. It is the only universally ratified treaty by all nations on earth.

The goal of the Protocol is to limit the use and release of ozone depleting and certain climate change substances as these harm the atmosphere, biosphere and climate system.

MOPIA will provide a summary of the information shared at the OEWG meeting.

For more information:

<https://ozone.unep.org/meetings/44th-meeting-open-ended-working-group-parties>

ARCTIC CLIMATE ANOMALIES

Springtime Ozone depletion in the Arctic is leading to climate anomalies in the Northern Hemisphere. Although it is typical for an ozone hole to form over the Antarctic every spring, it is less common than the one that forms in the Northern Hemisphere. This year, however, a persisting polar vortex resulted in a longer winter and triggered greater ozone depletion over the Arctic. The springtime ozone depletion has led to many variations in climate anomalies such as sea level pressure, surface temperature and precipitation.

www.nature.com/articles/s41561-022-00974-7

ALERT/CAUTION ON ILLEGAL 134A CONTAINERS IN MARKET



MOPIA was recently made aware of the sale of 12 oz non-refillable HFC R-134a cylinders/containers. Under the Manitoba Ozone Depleting Substances Regulation 103/94, all regulated refrigerants must be sold in refillable containers. The small canisters are not refillable and are thus in contravention of the Manitoba ODS Regulation.

Environment Officers have been made aware of the retail display/sale of these products and have the authority to enforce penalties for non-compliance. Penalties for corporations include fines of up to \$500 000 upon a first offence.

Any tips of non-compliance or any concerns with enforcement should be directed to your local office of Manitoba Environment, Climate and Parks.

To submit tips of non-compliance contact your local Environment Officer:

https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/environment_and_biodiversity/petroleum_storage/contact.html





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MOPIA ENGAGES WITH STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS MANITOBA



Throughout May and June, MOPIA travelled across the province from Winkler to Brandon, Steinbach to Selkirk, Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie to inform our stakeholders of important compliance issues and emerging industry trends. MOPIA shared ideas for proposed regulatory amendments, the phase-down of HFCs and the foreseen transition to HFOs and natural refrigerants.

MOPIA also received industry feedback on the increasing use of DIY hydrocarbon refrigerant "Top-Up" kits and discussed solutions to decrease the illegal purchase and use of these products by uncertified individuals.

Environment Officers from Manitoba Environment, Climate and Parks were also in attendance at several of these events. They provided stakeholders with valuable regulatory information and latest enforcement efforts.



FEDERAL HALOCARBON REGULATION CHANGES 2022

Canada's Federal Halocarbon Regulations have recently been updated to help further protect the Earth's ozone layer and limit the release of harmful substances.

The new requirements state how to properly handle systems that hold halocarbons, state the necessary information required to include in the inventory and activity logs of systems, and the action required if 10 or more kilograms of halocarbon is released into the atmosphere.

For more information, please visit:
www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change

MOPIA will be conducting a series of presentations to help you understand the new regulations and how to comply with them. MOPIA will be conducting a series of presentations to help you understand the new regulations and how to comply with them.

MOPIA WELCOMES BACK
SUMMER STAFF

helping with certification
renewals through July
and August.

Welcome back Nicole!

Reach Nicole at: nik@mopia.ca



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