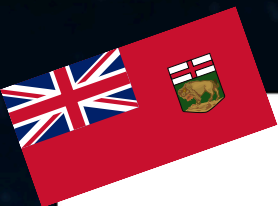




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MOPIA in-classroom Certification Training August 20th



MOPIA is hosting our next in-classroom certification training class: Thursday, **August 20th**!

It will be held at the **Cindy Klassen Recreation Complex** in Winnipeg beginning at 8:30 am to approx. 3:45 pm. Upon successful completion of this training/exam, you will be legally able to handle and install anything within the refrigerant loop in accordance to any trade license requirements, as well as, obtain regulated refrigerant(s) and HVACR or A/C related parts.

To enroll, please visit www.mopia.ca/training for more details. Spots are limited, reserve now!

2026-2027 Certification Renewal



Certification renewals for 2026-27 can be completed online, by phone, email, or mail. Certification is required to legally purchase and handle regulated refrigerants in Manitoba.

Follow the link to renew online:

<https://mopia.ca/product/one-year-certification-renewal/>

World Ozone Day!

World Ozone Day is coming up - on September 16th

Each year, countries recognize and raise awareness about the importance of protecting the stratospheric ozone layer.

The ozone layer protects life on Earth by absorbing harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the Sun. Thanks to global action under the Montreal Protocol, the ozone layer is recovering, showing that international cooperation can successfully address major environmental problems.

World Ozone Day 2026 provides an opportunity to celebrate this progress, encourage continued implementation of the Montreal Protocol and Kigali Amendment, and remind countries and communities that protecting the ozone layer also supports climate protection and a healthier future.

For more information visit:
<https://www.unep.org/ozonaction/news/news/world-ozone-day-16-september-2026>



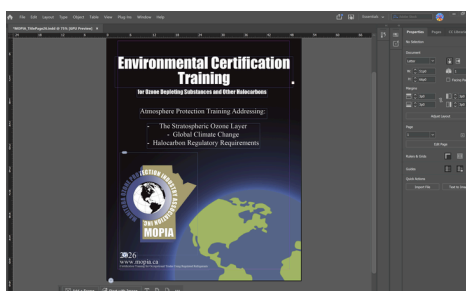
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MOPIA Design Updates

Throughout this summer, MOPIA's team has been redesigning parts of MOPIA, including the **MOPIA training manuals**. We have put in the effort to make MOPIA more user-friendly, with updates to the website, readability, UI, and the newsletter, which you can see showcased on this one!



Madagascar Ratified The Kigali Agreement

As of August 2026, Madagascar has officially ratified the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol. In doing so they have committed to reducing the production and consumption of HFCs by over 80% over the next 30 years. It will also encourage and allow Madagascar to transition into more sustainable cooling.

There is now 174 countries that have signed this agreement. Check out the UN Ozone Secretariat for complete country ratifications at:



<https://ozone.unep.org/>

The 2026 HRAI AGM is Sept 20-22, see details at:
www.hrai.ca/



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Passing of Arlene Jones



MOPIA is saddened to hear of the passing of Arlene Jones, one of MOPIA's original front office administrators. Arlene worked for MOPIA in 1996 for several years after her employment with VW's Winnipeg division. She is seen - front and centre.

Outcome of the 48th OEWG (Bangkok)

The 48th meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG48) was held in Bangkok from 13–17 July 2026. Parties discussed the 2027–2029 funding needs, estimated at USD 1.2–1.7 billion, and requested further work to improve the estimates.

Progress was made on improving global atmospheric monitoring, especially in areas with limited data. Other discussions covered Secretariat operations, technical issues, recycling, and the management of controlled substances. Parties welcomed 174 ratifications of the Kigali Amendment. Overall, OEWG48 prepared key issues for decisions at MOP38 in Kigali in November 2026

For more details visit:
<https://ozone.unep.org/parties-montreal-protocol-advance-key-discussions-bangkok>