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Plan to Attend a MOPIA Program Awareness Session

You are invited to attend a MOPIA awareness session being held on the following dates and locations. All sessions are free and include complimentary food and light refreshments.

Email mopia@mopia.ca to RSVP

Brandon	May 24	Noon - 1 pm	ACC Len Evans
Steinbach	June 6	Noon - 1 pm	Days Inn
Winkler	June 7	Noon - 1 pm	Best Western Plus Winkler
Winnipeg	June 15	Noon - 1 pm	Cindy Klassen Rec Centre
Selkirk	June 20	Noon - 1 pm	Canalta Inn
Portage la Prairie	June 22	Noon - 1 pm	Super 8
Dauphin	June 23	Noon - 1 pm	Best Western Dauphin
Morden	June 27	Noon - 1 pm	Best Western Plus Morden
Winnipeg	June 28	7:45 - 9:15 am	Cindy Klassen Rec Centre
The Pas	June 29	Noon - 1 pm	Andersen Inn
Swan River	June 30	Noon - 1 pm	Super 8

MOPIA Technician Certifications Expire May 31!



Manitoba ODS/Halocarbon & Environmental Certifications are set to expire June 1.

MOPIA recently issued certification renewals to all service technicians expiring technicians. One can renew the certification online, by phone/fax, or by mail. You may also renew in-person at MOPIA.

It is an offence to service any HVAC/R or A/C equipment on the gas side of the unit without being certified. Penalties include a fine of up to \$50,000 and/or 6 months in prison.



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MOPIA Welcomes Jaeden, Seaira and Claire



Seaira (pictured middle), is an administrative specialist at our office that aids our team in data entry and assists in the coordination of special projects or other collaborations. She is currently a student at Red River College pursuing a diploma in Human Resources.

Jaeden (pictured left), is a regulatory affairs specialist who will be working with the database and website. He is currently in the final year of his Economics Degree at the University of Manitoba.

Claire (pictured right), is an Administrative Support Officer currently attending Providence University College where she plays basketball and is studying Health Sciences.

MOPIA Conducting Training in Northern Manitoba



MOPIA will be conducting in-person certification and refrigerant recovery training at Cross Lake. MB this month. MOPIA is committed to working with First Nation communities in а collaborative manner to facilitate the proper management and disposal of refrigerant from white goods and automobiles.

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MOPIA Awarded Grant from Provincial Government



MOPIA recently received a grant from the provincial government to conduct a project that enhances environmental protection by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

MOPIA will use this funding to identify and provide much-needed training for Manitoba's HVAC and A/C technicians to gain the expertise to safely and properly handle equipment for emerging and green refrigerants. This initiative will reduce the use of potent greenhouse refrigerant gases and automobile air conditioning, fridges and freezers, water coolers, dehumidifiers, window air conditioners and other equipment.

For more information and to see the Press Release, please visit:

news.gov.mb.ca/news/archive=&item=58957

MOPIA'S 29th AGM

MOPIA held our 29th Annual General Meeting on April 26th. The highlights of the meeting included:

- A report from our Chair of the Board of Directors & Excom, Mr. John Kubilanski
- A detailed financial report from our Treasurer, Mr. Kent Cielen
- A report from our Executive Director's Report, Mr. Mark Miller

MOPIA also welcomed a new Board member, from the auto sector, Mr. Nyron Sankar.

Protect Yourself From Increasing UV Levels!

As summer is approaching, it's also time to take caution to protect ourselves from the harmful UV rays that the sun emits. Overexposure from the sun can lead to highly dangerous consequences like skin cancer, weaken the immune system, and cause damage to the eyes if preventative measures are not taken. With the strong UVA and UVB rays shining down on us, ensuring to lather on sunscreen, wear protective eyewear and clothing, and seek shade when the UV rays are at their highest are the best ways to keep yourself safe from the UV rays.

www.epa.gov/sunsafety/health-effects-uv-radiation

US EPA Introduces Proposed HFC Act

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has introduced a proposed act that would reduce the utilization of high global warming potential (GWP) HFCs in air conditioning and commercial refrigeration systems. The EPA is required by law to reduce the manufacturing of HFCs by 85% by 2036, and therefore this act would help achieve this. According to this Act, the production of high GWP products would be banned by 2025 or 2026 according to the specific industry, and the selling of these products would be banned the following year. The GWP limits that would be imposed by this Act would mandate a limit of 700 GWP for comfort cooling equipment and chillers and 150 or 300 GWP for new commercial refrigeration equipment that is used in grocery and convenience stores.

For more information and the full article, please visit: achrnews.com



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