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#### MOPIA Meets with Manitoba's Minister of Environment



MOPIA officials met with Manitoba's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Hon. Tracy Schmidt at the Manitoba Legislature in Winnipeg on September 4.

MOPIA's Chair, John Kubilanski, Kent Cielen (Treasurer), Laverne Dalglish (Board member) and Mark Miller (Executive Director) met with the Minister along with Mike Moyes (MLA for Riel), Neil Cunningham (Assistant Deputy Minister for Environment and Climate Change) and the Minister's Executive Assistant. MOPIA highlighted the organization's successes, challenges and pathway forward to ensure Manitoba continues the leadership role we have played locally and internationally.

The Minister was very receptive and encouraging and seems determined to collaborate on moving Manitoba forward on ozone and climate protection issues.

A main theme of the meeting was to share concerns regarding Manitoba's outdated Ozone Depleting Substances Regulation 103/94. MOPIA made recommendations on improving the regulation, harmonizing aspects with federal legislation and strengthening it to assist in meeting climate and human health goals. Amendments are also suggested to certification and permit fees to ensure MOPIA remains self sustaining, primarily supported by the ongoing commitment by industry and stakeholder participation.

#### September 16th is World Ozone Day



World Ozone Day is on September 16th 2024. Not only do we celebrate how we have been working towards healing the Ozone Layer, we also celebrate all the climate actions we have worked hard towards. With nations coming together to form an assembly, passing the Montréal Protocol and the Kigali Amendment, internationally we are striving forth on mending the ozone layer and fighting climate change.

Throughout these success stories, the World's work isn't done there. We are still tackling the phasedowns of HFC's and other powerful climate-warming gases in various sectors. This was initiated in 2019 but nationally we are making progress as over 80% of countries have ratified the Kigali Amendment.

Cooling equipment represents 20% of total electricity consumption today, and it's expected to double by 2050 internationally.

With these statistics, action has begun taking place with implementing energy efficient cooling equipment like Manitoba's energy efficiency programs that are put in place.

By following this link (<https://ozone.unep.org/>) you can dive deeper into the United Nations Environment Programme and explore the Montréal Protocol's Advancing Climate Action plan, as well as many other treaties or updates.

The Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat came out with a release stating that we have broken last years record heat of July 2024 surpassing July 2023 being the warmest month ever. Following these statistics, 2024 is on track to being the warmest year to date.

To read more, see: <https://ozone.unep.org/ozone-day/montreal-protocol-advancing-climate-action>

# MOPIA

## Manitoba Ozone Protection Industry Association

### The 29th COP and the 36th Meeting of the Parties



The 29th UN Climate Change Conference is happening this coming November 11-22 in Azerbaijan and the 36th Meeting of the Parties (MOP) to the Montreal Protocol will take place in Bangkok, Thailand October 28-November 1.

The United Nations Ozone Secretariat is coordinating the 36th MOP, that will see countries come together to discuss many important issues including financing capacity building in developing nations to potential phase-out approaches to potent greenhouse gases.

MOPIA plans to attend the 36th MOP and is planning to share information at a booth and bring back ideas on innovation and training. PFAS chemicals are anticipated to be a hot topic as HFO refrigerants have been linked/associated with these toxic chemicals.

### Summit of the Future



**United Nations**



The United Nations is hosting the Summit of the Future from September 22-23, focusing on inclusive, multilateral cooperation and future sustainable development.

For more information, see: [www.un.org/en/summit-of-the-future?gad\\_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjw\\_4S3BhAAEiwA\\_64Yhh9Qvq-uTucF03ck-myYb\\_7V4PKD03A4pgrs4h-9wJnFclbZO436axoC2iEQAvD\\_Bwe](http://www.un.org/en/summit-of-the-future?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjw_4S3BhAAEiwA_64Yhh9Qvq-uTucF03ck-myYb_7V4PKD03A4pgrs4h-9wJnFclbZO436axoC2iEQAvD_Bwe)

### Draft / Proposed Regulation Amendments

Manitoba ODS and Other Halocarbons Regulation was implemented back in 1993. Only minor amendments have been made since then, although much has changed. For example, HFOs had not yet been discovered, and HFCs are now being phased out of production and use globally.

Halons have, by most accounts, been eliminated in use except for certain essential use applications and updates on permits need to be redesigned.

Technician certification and permit fees including the length of time are all under examination. Visit MOPIA's website for more information and how you can share your ideas to improve this important regulatory instrument.

### Certification Statistics for the Summer of 2024



Each year technicians working with, servicing or purchasing regulated products must renew certification through MOPIA. This summer has seen some 7,200 persons renewed, to date. This number will increase with new student graduates from the community colleges throughout the months ahead.



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