

They were stunned to see the rate of change in the sky.

Observers around the globe used special colour and light-sensitive digital cameras and a graded colour chart to log even the subtlest shift in shade. From thousands of weekly measurements, the team calculated an average "coefficient of blueness".

They found that it has drastically diminished in five years from 9.3 per cent in 1996 to just 6.9 per cent this year. "Scientists have known for some time the rise in airborne pollutants, coupled with the holes in the ozone layer and global warming, were altering our environment, especially with the recent shifts in weather," said Professor Christoffel Hessenbroek.

"So when we decided to examine the effects of pollution, we expected to see some evidence of deterioration - but not to this extent.

"We were surprised to find the high level of environmental damage, causing our skies to rapidly turn grey. Our results show the pounding our planet has taken from man-made pollutants."

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3. Distribution Rollout of SP34E Begins with First Shipment to U.S. Market

PHOENIX, AZ, Solpower Corp. worldwide leader in environmental technology, Thursday announced the first shipment of SP34E(TM) to fill various outstanding orders in the distribution rollout of SP34E(TM) in the U.S. market.

EVTC Inc. the company's United States distributor, confirmed receipt of its first shipment of SP34E(TM) and has begun to immediately fill orders.

"We are very pleased with the initial response from our customers and look forward to a great season with SP34E (TM)," stated David Keener, president of EVTC Inc.

Initial orders are being received from both the HVAC/R and automotive markets through EVTC's refrigerant division, Full Circle(TM), and its fleet of on-site service and sales team, Full Circle's Nth Degree(TM).

SP34E(TM) is a HFC refrigerant, which is important given the worldwide phase-out of CFCs and HCFCs. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lists Solpower's SP34E(TM) as an acceptable refrigerant under the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program, established to identify alternatives to ozone-depleting substances.

The rollout of SP34E(TM) into the U.S. market positions the Solpower Corp. to record its best ever financial results and to meeting its earlier forecasted revenue projections.

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