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1. Company Settles US Clean Air Act Claim

WASHINGTON (AP) - Air Liquide America Corp. the American subsidiary of the world's largest producer of industrial and medical gases, has agreed to revamp its ozone-depleting refrigerators nationwide under a Clean Air Act settlement with the government… US EPA Administrator Christie Whitman said the arrangement is an example of government and industry cooperating to find a solution ``that averts further damage to the ozone-layer and involves tangible measures that preserve an undisturbed area of land from future development.''…
Full Text @ WorldNews.Com: http://www.wn.com/?action=display&article
Source: The Associated Press, 21 Jun 2001

2. Refrigerant Gases to be Banned in Japan

Ozone Protection Bill Passes: The House of Councilors on Friday approved a bill mandating the retrieval and destruction of ozone depleting and greenhouse gases used in automobile air conditioners, industrial refrigerators and cooling systems… The law will ban emissions of three man-made gases -- chlorofluorocarbons, hydrofluorocarbons and hydrochlorofluorocarbons… These gases are known to ravage the ozone layer and have been implicated in global warming. Violators of the new legislation will be subject to a prison term of up to one year and a fine of 500,000 yen… The legislation adopts the principle of "expanded producer responsibility" by obliging automakers and importers of foreign vehicles to ensure the harmful gases are removed from automobiles and destroyed...
Full Text @: http://www.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/getarticle.pl5?nn20010616a4.htm
Source: The Japan Times Online, 16 June 2001

3. Call to Curb Trade in Items Depleting Ozone in West Asia and Middle East

Manama - Gulf environmental experts working against ozone-depleting substances (ODS) called on stronger inter-states' co-operation in combating the trade of ODS in the region besides seeking the help of national banks sector in controlling the import of the harmful substances. …The call was made yesterday as part of a series of recommendations issued by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Regional Office for West Asia, summarised out of the conclusion of last week's 'West Asia network meeting for ozone officers.'…The West Asia and Middle East ozone action officers recommended a series of measures which include involving national banks sector in controlling import of ODS. …
Full Text @: http://www.middleeastwire.com/bahr
Source: Bahrain Tribune (Manama), 11 June 2001

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