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1- Morocco to Fight Ozone Layer Depletion

Morocco will set up a network to collect and recycle substances that deplete the ozone layer and a mechanism of assistance to enterprises in matters of refrigerating appliances storage. The two projects will be financed by the French Development Agency. The related accords were signed here Tuesday between the Moroccan ministry of industry, trade, energy and mining and the Moroccan center for environment friendly production on the one hand and the French Development Agency on the other.

Article @: <http://www.arabicnews.com/ansub/Daily/Day/020405/2002040521.html>

Source: Arabic News, 05 April 2002

2- WaterFurnace Converts Product Line To Ozone-Friendly Refrigerant

FORT WAYNE, IN - In keeping with its commitment to protecting the environment, WaterFurnace International today announced an aggressive schedule to convert its commercial and residential lines of geothermal heat pumps to R-410A, a refrigerant that does not deplete the earth's ozone layer ... WaterFurnace is a leading manufacturer and distributor of high-efficiency geothermal and water source heating and cooling systems. These systems provide economical, environmentally safe heating and cooling for homes, commercial buildings and institutional facilities in North America and overseas ... geothermal systems use the earth's own energy to provide heating and cooling, instead of burning fossil fuels, they are already recognized by the EPA as the most energy-efficient, environmentally-friendly and cost-effective space conditioning systems available. The conversion to R-410A will enhance all these benefits for our customers ...

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Article @: <http://www.newswire.ca/releases/April2002/04/c1338.html>

Source: Canada News Wire (CNW), 04 April 2002

3- Ozone Depleting Substances to be Banned Soon (Bangladesh)

The government decided to ban in phases the use of gas and other substances causing ozone depletion ... The Department of Environment organised the workshop under its "Strengthening for the Phase out of Ozone Depleting Substances" project ... The workshop was told that nearly 120 tonnes of CFC is being emitted in the atmosphere of the country everyday. Director of Gas and Chemical Limited A.H. Syed Wahid chaired the function. It was attended, among others, by President of Bangladesh Refrigeration and Merchant Association Mojibur Rahman and Abdus Sobhan. Referring to a 1991 study Chowdhury said aerosol production units, refrigeration and air-conditioning servicing centres, cold storage, fish freezing units, ice and icecream factories, air conditioners, pharmaceuticals and chemical industries and mobile freezing vans in the country were releasing substances causing ozonosphere depletion. He, however, said the aerosol producing ACI, which uses highest volume of CFC, was currently carrying out a project to phase out the use of the gas turning the CFC-based technologies into hydrocarbon-based ones. The Director General said with the complete implementation of the project, the use of ozone depletion substances would come down by 60 per cent.

Article @: <http://independent-bangladesh.com/news/mar/31/31032002mt.htm#A16>

Source: The Independent, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 31 March 2002

4- Man Enters Guilty Plea in Freon Smuggling Case

A man pleaded guilty in federal court in Fort Lauderdale Wednesday to smuggling Freon by boat from the Bahamas into the United States. Donald Pigeon faces up to five years in prison and a fine of as much as \$250,000. His sentencing is scheduled for June 7. Pigeon, Patrick Palmer, Chester Risker and Clifford Windsor were charged with conspiracy to illegally import and sell 30-pound cylinders of Freon, an ozone-depleting chemical. Pigeon, Palmer and Risker were also charged in August with importing and trying to smuggle 300 of the cylinders. The conspiracy started in early 2000 when Pigeon organized a scheme to smuggle the cylinders from the Bahamas on his 39-foot sport fishing vessel, Blue Melody, and a second craft, the Kodi Bear. Pigeon was involved in more than 10 smuggling trips and made a profit of more than \$600,000 through August, authorities said. As part of his plea, Pigeon agreed to forfeit the vessels and cars used in the scheme or acquired from it. Windsor entered a guilty plea on March 1 and was sentenced to a year and a day in prison. Palmer and Risker also pleaded guilty and will be sentenced Friday.

Article @:

http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/living/community/states/florida/counties/broward_county/2948444.htm

Source: The Miami Herald, 28 March 2002

5- US EPA 2002 Climate Protection & Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award

The [Environmental Protection Agency](#) presented the Climate Protection and Stratospheric Ozone Protection Awards to 48 organizations and individuals representing 12 countries for demonstrating innovation and leadership in addressing problems associated with climate change and the planet's stratospheric ozone layer. The award ceremony was part of the [Fourth Annual Earth Technologies Forum](#) held March 25-27 in Washington, DC. EPA began conferring the annual Stratospheric Ozone Protection Awards in 1990 and started the Climate Protection Awards in 1998.

US EPA Press Release @:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/b1ab9f485b098972852562e7004dc686/505d2f492cfbe9a985256b870077ccc2?OpenDocument>

6- "Ozone Connections, Expert Networks in Global Environmental Governance"

We are pleased to announce the publication on 25th March 2002 of "**Ozone Connections, Expert Networks in Global Environmental Governance**" ... This highly original and provoking thesis synthesises some of the more exciting social science concepts and methods, while refining our basic understanding of environmental social change and providing policy-makers with concrete success factors to replicate. This book will be essential reading for academics in the fields of sociology, political science, international relations, network studies, human communication, motivation, collaboration and leadership, as well as the burgeoning interdisciplinary field of environmental studies. Businesses will also find many applications for practical use ...

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