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1. Gains Reported in Shielding Ozone Layer

In an important success story for environmental action, scientists see signs that Earth's protective ozone layer will yet escape being erased by industrial gases…
A lingering concern is whether another global environmental problem - climate warming - will slow healing of the ozone layer. Warming at the surface causes cooling in the stratosphere, and high-altitude cooling could slow healing of the ozone blanket by up to two decades, the scientists said.
Full article @: <http://www.charlotte.com/observer/natwor/docs/ozone0301.htm>
Source: The Charlotte Observer Newsday, By Robert COOKE, 1 March 2001

2. Latest British Antarctic Survey Ozone Bulletin

BAS Ozone Bulletin 03/00
Full Issue @: <http://www.nerc-bas.ac.uk/public/icd/jds/ozone/bulletins/bas0300.html>

3. New Satellite to Collect Global Weather Data

China will become a major contributor to worldwide research and monitoring of global weather changes with the planned launch of a state-of-the-art meteorological satellite in the next few years, according to today's China Daily.
The satellite, code named "Fengyun 3," Fengyun meaning wind and cloud in Chinese is expected to join two other satellites, developed by the United States and European countries, as key sources of global environmental data…
The satellite, the second-generation of polar-orbiting meteorological satellites in China, will benefit the global community by improving the study and scrutiny of global environmental problems, such as ozone layer depletion, the greenhouse effect, natural disasters and air
pollution…
Full article @: <http://202.84.17.11/english/htm/20010205/344763.htm>
Source: Xinhua News Service, 05 February2001

4. Duty on Compressors

ISLAMABAD, The government has decided to increase import duty on compressors, emitting choloro-fluoro carbon (CFC) gases, used in air-conditioners and refrigerators, to 35 per cent from the present 10 per cent…
The environment ministry had already concluded agreements with international agencies, campaigning for a ban on production and marketing of such electronic and electrical goods, which cause pollution and result in depletion of the Ozone layer.
The duty on import of non-CFC emitting compressors would, however, remain 10 per cent.
Full article @: <http://www.dawn.com/2001/02/28/ebr10.htm>
Source: DAWN.com, 28 February 2001

5. Group Says South Florida Is Being Poisoned

An alliance of farm workers, consumers, and environmentalists is asking for protection from a toxic chemical being widely used in South Florida.
The group announced Thursday the results of tests showing high levels of the chemical methyl bromide that have drifted from farms onto the properties of two churches in Homestead.
The group will call on Governor Jeb Bush to protect residents from exposure to the toxin, and help farmers find alternatives to methyl bromide.
Article @: <http://dailynews.yahoo.com/h/wplg/20010222/lo/320387_1.html>
Source:Yahoo News, 22 February 2001

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