

# OZONews

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### 1. Getting Rid of Refrigerator no Easy Task in Greene

WAYNESBURG - Have an old air conditioner or refrigerator you want to get rid of? You won't find anyone in Greene County willing to take it off of your hands, one county commissioner complained Thursday. "We apparently don't have any idea what to do with these things," said Commissioner Farley Toothman, who wheeled a decrepit air conditioner into the county building to illustrate his point. "I was not allowed to drop it off anywhere because I did not have a certificate saying that the Freon was taken out." Freon, an inert gas used as a refrigerant and propellant, is widely credited with damaging the atmosphere's ozone layer. Its disposal is highly regulated by the state Department of Environmental Protection.

**Full Text @:** <http://www.observer-reporter.com/NEWS/20010406/g1.html>

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### 2. Czech Cabinet Approves Draft Bill on Air Protection

Prague-The Czech government approved today a draft bill on the protection of air, the ozone layer and the climatic system which should bring the Czech legislation in harmony with the EU's, international agreements and protocols, government spokesman Libor Roucek said today. An originator of pollution should pay for damage inflicted and fines for polluting could be postponed in case that the originator begins works to lower the emissions, according to the bill. The Czech Republic has signed the Vienna Agreement on the Protection of the Ozone Layer of the Earth including the Montreal Protocol restricting the production of freon and the UN frame agreement on climatic changes including the Kyoto protocol. The Czech Republic should lower the emissions of the most harmful gases by 8 per cent between 2008 and 2012, according to the protocol.

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### 3. More Knowledge Of Interactions Between Asian Brown Haze, Global Warming And Ozone Urgently Needed Says UNEP

Nairobi/ Bangkok, April 9, 2001 - As emphasized by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), developing a more complete picture of the roles and interactions of greenhouse gases, aerosols and ozone is urgently needed, according to Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)...

..."Looking at the long-term warming effect from greenhouse gases and the relatively acute, short-term effects of air pollution, and their interaction at regional levels, is an important area of further research, particularly if the hydrological cycle and human health are affected," Mr. Toepfer said.

