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1. Global Meet on 'Ozone layer' in Colombo

Heads of states, ministers in charge of environment, scientists and technical officers representing 175 countries will gather in Colombo, this September for a major global meeting on the issue of protecting the ozone layer. Local organisers of the meeting say, it will be the second largest international meeting held in Colombo since the Non-Aligned Movement Summit, in 1976.
The meeting of parties to the Montreal Protocol, on "Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer" will be held at the BMICH from September 15 to 19. The conference delegates will discuss ways and means of eliminating Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) and future action to prevent ozone layer depletion.
Dr. W. L. Sumathipala, National Co-ordinator of the meeting told the media conference held in Colombo, that the hole in the ozone layer, which exists in the upper atmosphere protect the earth from harmful radiation from the sun, has been enlarged by 28.3 million square kilometers and the harmful ODS will remain in the air for another 400 years.
"Countries have to take immediate steps to protect the ozone layer. Scientists predict that the holes in the ozone layer would heal in 50 years", adding, that Sri Lanka will announce its own solution to avoid the generation of gases that deplete the Ozone layer.
Source: Sri Lanka Internet Services, 21 May 2001, by: Shanika Sriyananda Liyanage
@: http://www.lanka.net/lakehouse/2001/05/20/new00.html

2. RMC Sets Pace for Meeting New CCME ODS Disposal Strategy

The Canadian Council Ministers of the Environment (CCME) adopted a new disposal strategy for surplus ozone-depleting substances (ODS) including chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and halons.
Refrigerant Management Canada (RMC), an extended producer responsibility (EPR) program initiated in January, 2001 by the Canadian refrigeration and air conditioning industry is already "setting the pace" for ODS-using industries in meeting this new federal/provincial initiative.
... RMC is a not-for-profit corporation established by the Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI) and the Canadian refrigeration and air conditioning industry to provide an environmentally responsible program in partnership with government and the Canadian public
that:

- manages the environmentally responsible disposal of Canada's stocks of surplus ODS refrigerants for the Canadian refrigeration and air conditioning industries;
- meets the objective of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) to minimize and avoid the ultimate release of these substances to the environment; and
- Ensures that all surplus ODS refrigerants will be managed in the most environmentally responsible manner to minimize depletion of the ozone layer.

Full Text @: http://www.newswire.ca/releases/May2001/01/c0170.html
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Source: Canada Newswire, 01 May 2001

4. Kids Save the World

If you have tweeners, "Spy Fox: Operation Ozone" could be your secret weapon when you want them to learn something on the computer. Spy Fox is the cunning, clever and covert character who stars in Humongous

Entertainment's series of logic games for kids. In these James Bond spoofs, kids help Spy Fox outsmart the villains with an arsenal of gadgets - for instance, a Sticky Stun Bun that leaves enemies dazed and confused, and a Spy Mint that will light up dark rooms.
"Operation Ozone" is the third in the stellar series; it challenges kids to save the world by collecting clues, breaking codes and solving puzzles. Poodles Galore, the Queen of Cosmetics, has sent an enormous hair-spray station into space. The constant blast of aerosol threatens the ozone layer, forcing people to buy Poodles' sunscreen - the only one strong enough to protect the Earth's population. In one mission, Spy Fox must rescue rocket expert Plato Pushpin, who has information he needs to stop the orbiting station. There are also mini-arcade games within the adventure.
Contact: www.humongous.com Tel. 1-800-499-8386
Source: New York Daily News Online Services, 13 May 2001, by: Michelle Megna,
@: http://www.nydailynews.com/2001-05-13/New_York_Now/Technology/a-110849.asp

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