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1- Environment Getting Worse, Canadians Believe, Water, air quality, ozone depletion seen as key issues (Canada)

MONTREAL (CP) - More than three-quarters of Canadians believed the quality of the environment declined over the last decade, a poll suggests...The Leger Marketing survey of 1,504 Canadians found 77.2 per cent of respondents believed environmental conditions have gone downhill since the early '90s...`The environment will become more and more important in the future," said Jean-Marc Leger, president of the Montreal-based polling company...Leger said the poll and other studies suggest a shift in Canadians' concerns towards giving more attention to collective values...In the latest survey, the environment rated third among social...Leger said that in different areas of Canada, environmental issues get a different rating...Others chose the ozone layer (16.5 per cent), global warming (15.1 per cent) and the clearing of tropical forests (13.3 per cent). Only 2.2 per cent picked acid rain...

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http://www.thestar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=thestar/Layout/Article_Type1&c=Article&cid=997622910803&call_page=TS_Canada&all_pageid=968332188774&call_pagepath=News/Canada&col=968350116467

Source: The Star.com, Canada, 31 August 2001, [Thestar.com](http://www.thestar.com)

2- New 'Green' Plane is Threat to Ozone Layer (UK)

Earth's ozone layer, which is only just beginning to recover from the ravages of recent decades, faces a devastating new danger from a new generation of "environmentally friendly" aircraft, The Independent on Sunday can reveal. The threat comes from Boeing's new "sonic cruiser" passenger planes, which fly at a higher altitude than conventional jets: about 45,000 feet. This will take them into the stratosphere, where the ozone layer, which shields and protects all life on earth, would be under direct attack from the planes' emissions. Boeing has given the highest priority to developing the cruiser, which it is promoting as a "green" plane. It says American airlines have already offered to buy up all the planes it can turn out in its first three years of production: they will be able to fly non-stop from London to Sydney, clipping five hours off the journey. Environmentalists are angry and alarmed at the development. Dr Roger Higman of Friends of the Earth said yesterday: "Just as we are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel, we are faced with a massive new threat." Boeing says it is working with scientists to study the cruiser's environmental effects, but it would give no indication that it would scrap the plane if it were found to endanger the ozone layer.

Source: The Independent, UK, 26 August 2001, By Geoffrey Lean, Environment Editor, @:

<http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/environment/story.jsp?story=90713>

3- Ozone Depletion Increases Skin Cancer Risk (USA)

In an ironic twist, we are no longer simply loving the environment to death. Now it seems we are risking death to love the environment. Around the world, incidences of skin cancer are skyrocketing. Scientists and researchers largely attribute this to a single cause: our love of being outside...Just like other species, humans' health is dictated by the health of our environment (Earth). This is a fundamental tenet of biology. Ozone plays a central and key role in regulating the amount of harmful UVB exposure we receive from the sun. Continued depletion of ozone promises continued increases in skin cancer diagnoses and other more ominous health concerns...

Full Text @: http://www.enn.com/news/enn-stories/2001/08/08282001/s_44222.asp

Source: Environmental News Network, 28 August 2001, By Tom Fry

4- Appauvrissement de la couche d'ozone : Les douaniers veillent au grain (Burkina Faso)

La consommation des substances qui appauvrissent la couche d'ozone est source de danger pour l'homme et l'environnement. Pour leur importation au Burkina Faso, la douane veille désormais au grain...

Full Text @: <http://allafrica.com/stories/200108280341.html>

Source: Sidwaya, 28 August 2001, By Souleymane Sawadogo

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