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### 1. Did hotel break ozone rules? EPA complaint seeks \$216,600 from Airport Inn

Federal environmental regulators are accusing a Salt Lake City hotel of illegally dumping old air conditioners and refrigerators, and they are seeking more than \$200,000 in fines for air pollution violations. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has filed an administrative complaint against the current and former owners of Airport Inn and Suites for violations of the federal Clean Air Act covering ozone protection. According to the EPA, the agency received information from a former employee of the hotel who said that 20 air conditioner units and seven small refrigerators were removed from the hotel rooms last summer and the refrigerant lines were cut, venting out ozone-damaging chlorofluorocarbons or CFCs into the air. The complaint, filed Thursday, seeks \$216,600 in damages. EPA officials say it would have cost hotel operators about \$2,700 to have disposed of the air conditioners and refrigerators properly. In 1993, the EPA banned the release of refrigerants containing CFCs. Prior to disposal, the refrigerant must be removed from the appliance by an EPA-certified technician... **Full Text @:** <u>http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,28007530,00.html</u>

Source: deseretnews.com, By: Donna Kemp Spangler, Deseret News staff writer, 17 June 2001

## 2. Government of India Aid to Phase out Ozone Depleting Chemicals

BANGALORE: The Government of India is providing multilateral funding to industries in all states for phasing out ozone depleting substances (ODS). The industries using ODS and established before July 1995 are eligible for the funding which involves 100 per cent subsidy and other sops like coverage of the incremental cost of operation. At a workshop organised by the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board here on Thursday, director of the Ozone Cell, New Delhi C. Vishwanath said the states were required to identify the industries using ODS and service enterprises engaged in this sector and make them register before July 19, 2001. The Cell will help the companies get cleaner technologies, equipment and training for their personnel...

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Full Text @: <u>http://www.timesofindia.com/080601/08mban35.htm</u> Source: The Times of India, 8 June 2001

# 3. A Plan for the Sky

Mr. John Aibangbee of Global Environmental Technology Limited, (GET) projects consultant, told "theNEWS" that the first step towards drafting Nigeria's Refrigerant Management Plan (RMP) would be to ascertain an estimate of the national consumption of the concerned refrigerants. This could only be known through a survey of the refrigeration service sector, which distributes refrigeration gas for commercial and industrial refrigeration uses and commercial and industrial air conditioning. The survey, Aibangbee explained, would be carried out in the six geopolitical zones in the country, starting from Lagos. The exercise is expected to last a period of four months... The overall effort is being geared towards the gradual easing out of the use of the CFC-11, CFC-12 and R502 variants of refrigeration gas by 2010... The gain is two-fold. The importers and suppliers would be saved the agony of losing their stock of refrigerant due to the clean-up exercise. Moreover, they will have the advantage of reducing the cost of replenishing their stock with the new acceptable variant, R-134a that is expensive abroad. The market price of R-134a if converted is N18, 000 per 13.6 kg can while the old variants presently sell for N5, 000 and N6, 900 per 13.6 kg can... A concrete RMP is expected within the next six months. This, Aibangbee enthused would place the country in good stead in the global arena. **Full article @:** <a href="http://allafrica.com/stories/200106090149.html">http://allafrica.com/stories/200106090149.html</a> **Source**: The News, 11 June 2001, By: Olubi Olutayo

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