

**UNEP DTIE OzonAction Programme under the Multilateral Fund****UNEP RELEASES UPDATED OZONE PROTECTION DATABASE TO SUPPORT DECISION-MAKING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES****INFORMATION - Updated Diskette Reference Tool****September 1998**

In order to make sound decisions, a person needs have access to a wide base of up-to-date information that describes, in a "neutral" manner, the range of available options and perspectives. In order to make those decisions in a timely fashion, the information should be available in a readily-accessible, "user-friendly" and compact format. National Ozone Units (NOUs), industry associations and companies in developing countries need information sources that meet both of these criteria to assist them in designing, implementing and monitoring their programmes to phase out ozone depleting substances (ODS). UNEP's Industry and Environment (UNEP DTIE) Centre in Paris is helping to meet this need through the updated version of its diskette-based reference tool, the OzonAction Information Clearinghouse Diskette Version 6.0.

Developed by the UNEP DTIE OzonAction Programme under the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, this diskette contains key, updated information that can help users better understand how to meet the technical and policy challenges their country, business or organization faces under the Montreal Protocol. The OAIC-DV helps answer the following questions:

Sources of Assistance —

Who has the expertise and information I need to establish, implement and manage my organization's ODS phase out programme and how can I reach them?

Alternative Technologies —

Have other companies and organizations successfully phased out ODS, and what was their experience? Where can I obtain alternative technologies? What do technical advisors recommend? What types of projects are being approved by the Multilateral Fund?

Policy Development —

What are the Montreal Protocol requirements? What policy instruments are available to phase out ODS? What have other countries done?

Developing countries need answers to these questions in order to help them meet the first control measure applicable to Article 5 countries - the freeze in consumption and production of CFCs by 1 July 1999 - as well as the 2002 freeze targets for halons and methyl bromide and subsequent control measures.

Highlights of the OAIC-DV 6.0 include:

- Contacts for •Ozone and Multilateral Fund Secretariats •Implementing Agencies •national focal points in developing and developed countries •industry associations and standards organizations •training institutes •NGOs •national halon banks •persons claiming specific ODS phase out expertise, etc.
- Directory of ozone protection web sites
- Multilateral Fund's "Inventory of Approved Projects", "Policies, Procedures, Guidelines and Criteria" and "Country Programme Coversheets"
- Ozone Secretariat's "Handbook for the International Treaties for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (Revised 4th Edition)"
- "Technology Sourcebooks" for the following sectors •aerosols •foams •refrigeration •solvent uses
- Contact list for producers of controlled ODS and substitutes
- Case studies in the following sectors •aerosols • foams •methyl bromide •recovery & recycling
- Inventory of trade names of chemical products containing ODS and their substitutes
- "Regulations to Control ODS - A Guidebook"...and more.

OAIC-DV 6.0 is contained on 8 floppy diskettes. It requires an IBM-PC compatible using DOS 3.3 or later versions, with 20 MB of free space on the hard drive, a 3.5" floppy disk drive and 1 MB of RAM. The diskette was developed using Microsoft's Multimedia Viewer™ Version 2.0.

This diskette is part of the information exchange services provided by UNEP to developing countries to help them meet their obligations under the Montreal Protocol. The OzonAction Programme also provides other clearinghouse services (Training & Networking of ODS Officers) as well as assistance with the development of national ODS phase out strategies (Country Programmes) and Institutional Strengthening support. For more information, contact: UNEP DTIE OzonAction Programme, Tour Mirabeau, 39-43 quai Andre Citroen, Paris 75739 cedex 15, France or Tel: (33.1) 44.37.14.50, Fax: (33.1)44.37.14.74, email: ozonaction@unep.fr, <http://www.uneptie.org/ozone/home.html>

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UNEP established its Industry and Environment office (UNEP DTIE) in 1975 to bring industry and government together to promote environmentally sound industrial development. UNEP DTIE is located in Paris. Its goals are: 1) to encourage the incorporation of environmental criteria in industrial development plans; 2) to facilitate the implementation of procedures and principles for the protection of the environment; 3) to promote preventive environmental protection through cleaner production and other proactive approaches; 4) to stimulate the exchange of information and experience throughout the world. DTIE provides access to practical information and develops cooperative activities backed by regular follow-up and assessment. To promote the transfer of information and the sharing of knowledge and experience, DTIE has developed three complementary tools: technical reports; the quarterly "Industry and Environment" review and a technical query-response service. UNEP DTIE is conducting the following main programme elements: Accident Prevention (APELL), Cleaner Production, Energy, OzonAction, Pollution Management, Tourism.

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