

- Shanghai Municipal Environmental Bureau has set up its Leading Group for ODS phaseout and the Shanghai ODS Management Office. It also formulated a three-year action plan for ODS phaseout in Shanghai and its implementation plan. Starting from the World Environment Day in 2008, the Shanghai ODS Management Office organized a series awareness campaigns in its districts and counties through exhibition boards, site consultations and awareness material distribution. In commemoration of the International Ozone Day, they gave lectures and organized ozone knowledge contests in universities.

- On September 16, 2008, Yunnan Provincial EPB organized a public awareness campaign in Kunming City, at which awareness books were given to the audience and illustrations were made on ozone knowledge.

- On September 16, 2008, Mr. He Fali, Director General of Shaanxi Provincial EPB, delivered a speech in the “Environmental Hotline” program on Shaanxi TV, for commemoration of the 14th International Ozone Day. In the meantime, the Shaanxi Provincial EPB issued a notice, requesting local EPBs and relevant organizations to jointly conduct some public awareness and educational activities on ozone layer protection.

- Qingdao Municipal EPB has set up its leading group for ODS phaseout, established a work plan for strengthening ODS phaseout in the city, and organized a training workshop for ODS phaseout in the foam sector. On September 16, it organized a series of activities for commemoration of the International Ozone Day.

- From October 30 to 31, 2008, Henan Provincial EPB organized a working meeting and training workshop in Zhengzhou, for strengthening capacity building for ODS phaseout in the province.

- In November 2008, the Project Office for implementation of the capacity building project in Jiangsu Province conducted a survey on the 15 XPS enterprises.

- From December 15 to 17, Shandong Provincial EPB organized a training workshop for CFC-11 phaseout in the foam sector. Introductions were made on the Convention, the policies for ODS phaseout in the foam sector, the conversion technologies in China, the requirements for phaseout in the foam sector, as well as the work progresses. The participating enterprises submitted their commitment letters at the meeting, for accepting supervision and inspection of the EPBs, and for not turning back to use CFC-11 as foaming agent.



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Policies and Regulations >>

Methyl Bromide Banned in Tobacco Sector

On November 19, 2008, the State Tobacco Monopoly Administration (STMA) and the Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) jointly issued a notice on ban of methyl bromide (MBr) used as fumigant in tobacco seedling. According to the notice, MBr will not be allowed as fumigant in tobacco seedling from November 19, 2008. All local environmental protection bureaus (EPBs) and the tobacco monopoly bureaus (TMBs) are requested to assist, inspect and supervise the phaseout of MBr in the tobacco sector. Any organizations or individuals who violate the above regulation will be punished by the local EPBs and TMBs in accordance with relevant laws.

HCFC Production to be Strictly under Control

On December 26, 2008, MEP issued a notice on strictly control of new establishment, retrofitting and expansion of HCFC production facilities.

According to the notice, from December 26, 2008, no new establishment, retrofitting or expansion of facilities for production of HCFCs, including their isomers, for use as refrigerants, foaming agents, solvents or chemical processing agents shall be allowed. All local EPBs are requested not to approve the EIA reports for construction of the above facilities.

For any new establishment, retrofitting or expansion of facilities for production of HCFCs for use as feedstock, the enterprises must submit to MEP the proving documents and written commitments not to use the products in any controlled applications. After MEP's approval, the local EPBs where the enterprises are located will then review and verify the EIA reports, and report to MEP for file.

For any HCFC production facilities to be moved to other places or to be transformed, its production capacity must not be increased. Before these facilities are commissioned, the enterprise should inform the local EPB where the enterprise is located to verify its production capacity. The confirming documents should be submitted to MEP for file.

For any construction in violation of the above regulations, the local EPBs should report to the local governments for dismantling of the facilities and giving penalties.

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Expert Meeting Convened for Review of ODS Management Regulation

On January 8, 2009, the Legislation Affairs Office (LAO) of the State Council convened an expert meeting for review of the draft ODS Management Regulation. Experts from China University of Policies and Laws, Beijing University, Beijing Chemical University, China Association of Domestic Appliance Industry, China Fluoro-silicon Industry Association, China Fluoro-Alkali Industry Association and China Refrigeration Industry Association were invited to the meeting. The meeting was also attended by senior officials from the LAO and MEP, and was chaired by Mr. Zhang Qiong, Vice Minister of the LAO.

At the meeting, the experts reviewed and discussed intensively on the objectives and necessities of the regulation, as well as on the rationalities and economic impacts of the major management systems and legal responsibilities established in the regulation.

The Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol were established to prevent the ozone depletion from some man-made chemicals so as to avoid problems resulted from the harmful solar radiations, and China has already ratified these international agreements. Therefore, the ultimate objective of the regulation will be to protect the eco-environment for human existence and to protect the human health. It is also needed for implementing the international commitments and for establishing an image

of China as a responsible country.

According to comments of the experts, the regulation will be essential for China to smoothly implement the international conventions and to promote sustainable development of relevant industries. Its setup will convert the international responsibilities and obligations into domestic laws, which will formalize extensively the behavior both of the governments and the enterprises so as to ensure the proper implementation of the conventions. Some representatives called for a quick announcement of the regulation.

For major systems stipulated in the regulation, including the quota licensing systems for ODS production, consumption, import and export, the management on ODS recycling and servicing, the experts agreed that they were rational and applicable. Being implemented for many years as departmental regulations or regulatory documents, these have demonstrated being very effective and complying with the requirements of the international conventions. The legal responsibilities stipulated in the regulation enhanced the punishment on violations, which gives a very important breakthrough in environmental legislation and will be effective to prevent illegal activities.

From the aspect of economic impacts, the experts said that there were impacts on the economy caused by ODS phaseout. But the financial support from the international society assisted the enterprises in their reduction and phaseout of ODS and also reduced the cost and burden of China for implementing the convention.

In the closing remarks, Mr. Zhang Qiong pointed out that through review and discussions on different aspects of the draft ordinance, the expert meeting was very successful and got good result as expected. He admitted that the LAO would submit the draft ordinance to the Standing Committee of the State Council for approval as soon as possible once it was further revised and improved.



Meetings >>

Symposium and Training Workshop Convened in Shanghai on Local Capacity Building for Compliance with the Montreal Protocol

On May 26, 2008, the Symposium on Local Capacity Building for Compliance with the Montreal Protocol was convened in Shanghai. Mr. Zhang Lijun, Vice Minister of MEP, attended the meeting and delivered remarks. Over 100 representatives from UNDP, World Bank, LAO of State Council, and officials from local EPBs of different provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities were present at the event.

In the conclusion remarks, Mr. Zhang Lijun stated that strengthening of ozone layer protection was not only required for protection of our homeland on the earth, but also needed for further establishing a good image of China as a responsible country for environmental protection, and it was also an important task of environmental departments at all levels. He admitted that the local EPBs had done a lot of works in the protection of ozone layer, played active roles and made important contributions.

Mr. Zhang stressed on five aspects of key works. **Firstly, the coordination should be well strengthened.** The environmental departments should fully play their roles in coordination and actively push the local governments and other administrative departments to get involved in the convention implementation. The local EPBs should appoint responsible leaders, institutional organizations and personnel for this work. **Secondly, the fundamental investigation should be comprehensively conducted.** Key sectors, regions, markets and enterprises need to be analyzed for investigation. Intensive works should be done to clearly understand the basic situation of ODS production, consumption and circulation. ODS data reporting and registration systems should be established. **Thirdly, the law enforcement and inspection should be strictly implemented.** The roles of the environmental supervision forces should be well developed to perform, jointly with other governmental departments, inspections on ODS production, consumption, circulation and recycling. Focus should be put on supervision on those ODSs that have already banned under national regulations. The enterprises that have received MLF grants should be checked for their commitment implementation. **Fourthly, public awareness raising**

and trainings should be strengthened. Particularly, the personnel involved in the capacity building project should be well trained to raise their management and law enforcement levels for convention implementation. The local governments should consider their respect conditions to adopt different approaches to conduct publicity activities, especially in commemoration of the International Ozone Days. **Finally, the lone-term mechanism for convention implementation should be established, combining the existing environmental management systems.** As the implementation of the Montreal Protocol will be a long-lasting task, innovative management approaches need to be considered in line with the local characteristics so as to continuously intensify the convention implementation. The local governments are also requested to explore ways to incorporate ODS management into different environmental management systems in order to establish long-term mechanisms for ODS phaseout.

During the meeting, the local representatives also introduced their respect progresses and plans for ozone layer protection and shared their experiences regarding the development of roles of local EPBs in convention implementation. Comments and suggestions were also collected. Following the symposium, a training workshop on the capacity building project was convened on May 27-28, which was attended by the officials from the local EPBs who are responsible for the project implementation.



Meeting Convened in Beijing for Closing Methyl Bromide Phaseout in Grain Storage

On May 9, 2008, MEP, State Administration of Grain, and UNIDO jointly organized a wrap-up meeting for methyl bromide (MBr) phaseout in the grain storage sector in China. The theme of the meeting was “Protect the Ozone Layer with Green Grain Storage”. Mr. Zhu Guangyao from MEP, Mr. Qie Jianwei, Deputy Director General of State Administration of Grain, and Mr. Ajmal, Chief Representative of UNIDO Resident Mission to China, attended the meeting and delivered remarks. Over 100 representatives from local grain administrative bureaus of 9 provinces and municipalities, China Grain Reserves Corporation, China Cereal, Oils and Foods Group Co. Ltd, research institutes, equipment manufacturers, the media, as well as the 34 enterprises undertaking MBr phaseout demonstration projects, participated in the meeting.

Mr. Zhu Guangyao affirmed the achievements and contributions made in the grain storage sector, and proposed suggestions for further enhance the work of ozone layer protection. Mr. Qie Jianwei stressed in his remark that the protection of ozone layer and the phaseout of MBr are obligatory responsibility of the grain industry, and the work should be further strengthened to solidify the achievement. Mr. Ajmal introduced the progress of MBr phaseout worldwide, and



highly appraised the work done in China.

China has stopped using MBr as fumigant in the grain storage sector since 2007, and realized the target for phaseout of MBr in the whole sector. It is the first consumption sector that has realized MBr phaseout. At the meeting, the work of MBr phaseout in the grain storage sector was systematically reviewed, and the management experiences and technologies were exchanged and discussed. 17 organizations that have made outstanding contributions were given award of “Contribution Award for MBr Phaseout in Grain Storage Sector in China”.



Coordination Meeting Held in Beijing on HCFCs Phaseout Plan

On December 9-10, 2008, MEP/FECO organized a coordination meeting in Beijing on formulation of the HCFCs Phaseout Management Plan, aiming to study on the work plans for drafting 8 HCFCs Phaseout Management Plans (HPMP) and 1 HCFCs management capacity building plan, and to establish a coordinating mechanism. Over 60 representatives and experts from UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, World Bank, GTZ and relevant domestic industrial associations attended the meeting.

Based upon the responsibilities and works of each international implementing agencies and domestic industrial associations, determined at the first coordinating meeting held in May 2008, the participants exchanged views and made discussions on the opportunities and challenges in HCFCs phaseout in different sectors, as well as the work plans for HPMP formulation. The route map for next phase works was clarified. As the difficulty varies in different sectors, priorities need to be studied and determined as soon as possible, and the first phase targets before 2015 should be clarified. In sectors that have already some mature conversion technologies, the phaseout of HCFCs should be further enhanced. Considering the inter relationship of different sectors and in order to ensure a coordinated phaseout, the meeting decided to organize two coordinating meetings during 2009 and 2010 for discussion on relevant issues as well as the phaseout schedule. As the target for the first phase in China is pressing, the international implementing agencies agreed to try their best to help China complete the formulation of HPMP in 18 months, and strengthen their inter coordination to follow the route map to keep the work schedule and complete the tasks. At the meeting, discussions were also made on the impacts from the global financial crisis on the convention implementation.

Mr. Wen Wurui, Director General of MEP/FECO, attended the meeting, and put forward some guidance for HPMP formulation and HCFCs’ accelerated phaseout. Firstly, despite the difficulties, relevant parties should give importance to this work and steadily make progresses. Secondly, we should summarize experiences and lessons and create innovative mechanisms. Thirdly, we need to give priority to key issues and carry out the easier works at the beginning. Fourthly, we should base ourselves on the present and look to the future at the same time. Finally, overall plans should be made in consideration of every factor in order to make common actions.



Progress of Project Implementation >>

- After the approval of the final 17 projects under the Foam Sectoral Plan, a meeting was convened in Beijing from January 10 to 11, 2008, for providing training to the enterprises and giving opportunities of communication with the local provincial EPBs. At the meeting, the project contract and the procedures for project implementation were introduced, and the requirements in procurement, disbursement and audit were clarified.

- On January 18, 2008, the project of MBr phaseout in the grain storage sector formally passed the national acceptance for commissioning. Through the project, 34 grain depots were given fumigating equipment using phosphine to replace MBr. The commissioning of the project marks the overall completion of MBr phaseout in the grain storage sector in China.



- On January 28, 2008, the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Industrial Association of China organized a meeting for publicity of CFCs recycling and recovery in industrial and commercial refrigeration servicing. At the meeting, the ODS phaseout progress as well as the CFCs recycling equipment in the sub-sector were introduced. The enterprises exchanged information on present status of CFCs recycling and discussed on major tasks to be taken in CFCs phaseout in the industrial refrigeration sector.



- From February 14 to 20, 2008, the World Bank consultants paid site visits to three enterprises involved in CTC/PA (I) Sectoral Plan, including Ji Hua Chemical Co. Ltd, Shanghai Chloro-alkali Chemical Co. Ltd and Jiangyin Fasten Fine Chemical Co. Ltd. According to the inspection, all three companies complied with the management requirements, and the production records and financial data were clear and complete.

- From March 3 to 24, 2008, the World Bank delegation visited China and discussed with the Project Management Office on progresses of the sectoral phaseout plans. In general, all sectoral plans progressed smoothly and the phaseout targets were realized. The delegation discussed with PMO on formulation of HCFCs phaseout management plan as well as the assignments of each implementing agency in the phaseout of HCFCs.

- From March 24 to 25, a meeting was convened in Beijing for startup of the CFCs phaseout project in the non-MDI pharmaceutical aerosol sector. At the meeting, introductions were given on pharmaceutical policies, fund allocation principles, the project implementation plan, the management requirements, financial administration and the contents of the contracts. Comments and suggestions were also collected from the enterprises.

- From April 17 to 19, 2008, FECO and the State Tobacco Monopoly Administration (STMA) jointly organized a working meeting in Yunnan on construction of demonstration centers for centralized seedling in the second phase of MBr phaseout in the tobacco sector. The meeting aimed to further strengthen the construction of the demonstration centers and to formalize the tendering of greenhouse equipment.

- On May 15, 2008, the Ministry of Agriculture convened



a startup meeting for launch of the MBr phaseout project in the agricultural sector. Introductions were given on MBr phaseout in China and other countries, as well as the success and achievements of MBr phaseout in the grain industry. The meeting marks the formal start of the project for MBr phaseout in the agricultural sector.

- On May 16, 2008, FECO organized a meeting on TCA phaseout for 2008 in the solvent sector. Publicity and training were given to the representatives from about 20 large- or medium-sized enterprises. At the meeting, the quota registration methods for TCA production, use and sales, notes for filling in the application forms, and the contents and requirements for project implementation and inspection were illustrated. The experts from China Solvent Information Center also introduced some TCA substitutes and conversion technologies.

- In the first phase of seedling greenhouse construction in the tobacco sector, a total of 98,800 square meters of newly- or re-constructed green houses were built in Longyan of Fujian Province, Zunyi of Guizhou Province, Dali of Yunnan Province, Enshi of Hubei Province, Linyi of Shandong Province, and Nanyang of Henan Province. As of end of 2007, all construction works had been completed. In May 2008, the final one built in Nanyang of Henan Province passed the national checking and acceptance, marking the overall completion of the seedling greenhouse construction in the first phase.

- On June 25, 2008, FECO organized a training workshop in Hangzhou of Zhejiang Province on distribution of CFCs in 2008. At the meeting, 23 dealers were given registration certificates. The meeting marks the formal start of the work on administration of CFCs distribution and uses.



- From July 21 to 23, 2008, FECO organized a meeting in Ningbo for wrap-up of the in-the-factory supervision on CTC production. 16 supervisors as well as their directors from 8 CTC production enterprises and representatives for China Chloro-alkali Industrial Association attended the meeting. The meeting summarized the experiences of the supervision system and emphasized the importance of the on-line monitoring project that was launched by MEP in 2007 and will be commissioned in 2008.

- On July 29, 2008, MEP, together with the State Quality Supervision Bureau, organized a training workshop for quality inspection bureaus on the ban of CFCs in the domestic refrigeration sector. At the meeting, the ban of production, trade, import and export of domestic appliances using CFCs as refrigerants or foam agents was explained in detail. Experts from the industrial association and the enterprises illustrated methods for distinguishing between CFCs-based and non-CFCs products. The participants also visited the production lines in Haixin (Nanjing) Electrical Appliance Co. Ltd.



- From July 14 to 31, 2008, FECO organized the first background survey on the use of MBr as feedstock. Questionnaires were given to about 100 enterprises, while 10 typical enterprises were selected for site-visits. The survey mainly included the trading and uses of MBr as feedstock in 2005-2007, the categories of applications, the production processes, and discharges of MBr during its uses. Through the survey, the distribution of enterprises using MBr as feedstock, the trade and uses of MBr, and the production processes were understood. The survey also helped verification of the production data submitted by the MBr producers regarding their productions of MBr for use as feedstock.



- On August 29, 2008, FECO organized a review and acceptance meeting for commissioning of the 6 projects in solvent sector. The review group agreed that the projects followed the contract conditions, the old equipment were decommissioned or retrofitted, the substituting solvents met the environmental requirements, and the new equipment operated normally. In conclusion, all projects in these 6 enterprises passed the national acceptance.

- On September 4, 2008, FECO organized a review meeting for completion of the Study on Policies for Recycling and Reduction of Refrigerants in MAC Sector. The project supervisor from the Research Academy of Road Sciences of Ministry of Transport reported their research outcomes, which were well received by the review group. The project passed the acceptance in conclusion.



- On September 5, 2008, an expert group composed of representatives from MEP, State Forestry Administration, Nanjing Forestry University, and experts in inspection and quarantine, checked the completion of the disinfection zone in Taicang Port for imported woods. The expert group agreed that disinfection zone met the requirements of the plan and design, and made relatively big breakthrough in the development of treatment technologies and the equipment, which reduced the release of MBr. In conclusion, the project passed the checking and acceptance.



- On September 10, 2008, the State Administration of Grain organized a training workshop in Shijiazhuang on technological assurance for MBr phaseout in the grain storage sector. The training was mainly targeted at the technical issues regarding monitoring and integrated treatment in cases that the pesticide resistance gets increased in some grain depots. Representatives from 24 provincial grain administrative bureaus and the Central Grain Stock Company and the China Grain Group Co. Ltd., as well as some grain depots including the 32 demonstration depots for MBr phaseout, attended the meeting.



- On September 24, 2008, MEP paid a visit to Zhenjiang for checking and acceptance of its work on accelerated ODS phaseout and the creation of ozone-friendly city. In conclusion, the project passed the acceptance formally on October 16, which marks the overall completion of all projects in the 12 provinces and cities for accelerated ODS phaseout and the creation of ozone-friendly provinces and cities.

- The commissioning meetings for 31 CFC-11 phaseout projects and another 19 CFC-11 phaseout projects were convened in Langfang on October 24, 2008 and November 26, 2008, respectively. The expert group agreed that the restructuring projects realized the ODS phaseout targets and completed all contracted works. And in conclusion, the projects passed the acceptance for commissioning.

- From November 27 to 28, 2008, FECO and the Department of Road Networks of Ministry of Transport organized a meeting in Zhuhai for publicity of the policies on recycling and reduction of refrigerants in the MAC servicing sector. At the meeting, introductions were given on the current situation of MAC and servicing in China, and the policies for promotion of CFC-12 recycling in MAC servicing, which further promoted the refrigerant recycling and reduction in the car servicing.



- From December 14 to 16, 2008, the Supervision Bureau of MEP and FECO jointly organized a training workshop in Huanghua of Hebei Province specifically on environmental supervision on ozone layer protection, aiming to further enhance the capacity of the law enforcers on tackling illegal ODS activities.



- On December 16, 2008, the HFC-134a construction project in Sinochem Modern Environmental Protection Chemicals (Xi'an) Co. Ltd, supported by MFL, successfully passed the national acceptance for commissioning. The expert group proposed two points for suggestion. Firstly, the company should enhance its management on the wasted catalyzers and deliver the wastes to the hazardous waste treatment centers. Secondly, the company should strengthen its risk and emergency response management and establish emergency responses plans.



- In 2008, FECO entrusted Sulun Pan Certified Accountants Co. Ltd to verify the qualifications, consumption amounts and the status of conversion in the 12 enterprises applying to TCA phaseout projects in 2008. In December, FECO signed project contracts with 11 qualified enterprises for TCA phaseout or retroactive financing, with total contract amount of 4.88 million RMB for phaseout of 287.1433 tons of TCA.



• From December 15 to 18, 2008, FECO and China Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Industry Association jointly organized a meeting in Jinghong of Yunnan Province for launch of the HCFCs phaseout in the industrial and commercial refrigeration sector in China. Representatives from UNDP, local enterprises, research

institutes and universities, attended the meeting. At the meeting, presentations were given on the progress for preparation of HCFCs phaseout projects and the time table of HPMP in the sector. The enterprises were encouraged to actively participate in the project implementation.



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• From January 18 to 19, 2008, the Shandong Provincial EPB organized a training workshop on CFC-11 phaseout projects in foam sector in the province. At the meeting, the current situation and distribution of PU foam enterprises in Shandong were analyzed. Training lectures were given on CFC-11 phaseout in the foam sector through technical assistance projects implemented by local EPBs. The tasks for CFC-11 survey and the time table were assigned.



• On February 28, 2008, Zhejiang Provincial EPB organized a training workshop on management of CFC-11 phaseout in the foam sector. Introductions were made on the progress of CFCs phaseout in the foam sector, clarifications were made on tasks and requirements under the TA project implemented by local EPBs, and works were assigned for the coming surveys and supervision.

• From April 15 to 16, 2008, Hubei Provincial EPB convened a training and mobilization meeting on capacity building for ODS phaseout in the province. At the meeting, trainings were given on ODS phaseout policies, regulations and knowledge. In consideration of the actual practice in the province, works were arranged in key areas including ODS background survey, law-enforcement and supervision, publicity and training.

• On April 20, 2008, in commemoration of the World Earth Day, the Heilongjiang Provincial EPB and the Harbin EPB jointly organized a series of publicity and educational activities, including an exhibition on ozone layer protection and the ceremony for launch of the capacity building project for ODS phaseout in Heilongjiang Province.



• Since its participation in the local capacity building project, Shanxi provincial government has set up a leading group with a vice governor as the chairperson and composed of officials from 12 provincial departments. On April 24, 2008, upon approval of the provincial government, the leading group issued a notice on ODS phaseout in Shanxin Pronvice, which will be used as a guiding document for actions to be taken for ODS phaseout in Shanxin Province.

• On May 12, 2008, Jiansu Provincial EPB organized a training workshop for the foam enterprises in the province for CFC-11 phaseout. At the workshop, introductions were made on the project implementation and the procedures. Requirements were clarified on procurement, disbursement and audit. The participants also discussed extensively on the performances and procurement of the substituting foam agents.



• On May 26, 2008, Qinghai Provincial Government issued its implementation plan for acceleration of ODS phaseout in the province. Later on, the Qinghai Provincial EPB organized a training workshop on capacity building project in the province.

• On June 5, 2008, the World Environment Day, Jilin Provincial EPB and North-East Normal University jointly organized a public awareness campaign with the theme of "Protect the Ozone Layer, Save the Earth" in the Cultural Square in Changchun City.



• On July 18, 2008, Shandong Provincial EPB convened a meeting for arrangement and inspection of ODS phaseout projects in the province. At the meeting, the contents and requirements for the capacity building project were conveyed to the participants, and the works were arranged for surveys on MBr used as feedstock and HCFCs in foam and refrigeration sectors. In addition, project implementation was reviewed and checked for the projects in solvent and pharmaceutical sectors in the province.

• From July 23 to 25, 2008, Jianxi Provincial Environmental Supervision Bureau organized a training workshop on ODS phaseout for conducting ODS surveys in the province. In the meantime, the Provincial EPB drafted an implementation plan for ODS phaseout in the province.

• On September 16, 2008, the Leading Group for ODS Phaseout in Inner Mongolia and the Project Working Group conducted an awareness campaign in Huhehot with the theme of "International Ozone Day – Hand in Hand to Protect the Earth". Awareness materials were distributed at the event and presentations were given to the audience.

