

Ozone hole over Europe

Fears that a hole in the ozone layer could appear over Europe this year has encouraged European countries to bring forward the ban on ozone-depleting chemicals to 1995. Scientists predict that the hole, which could stretch from London to Moscow, would have major effects on health and the food chain

Eyes

estimated 1.6 million
new cases of cataracts

Skin

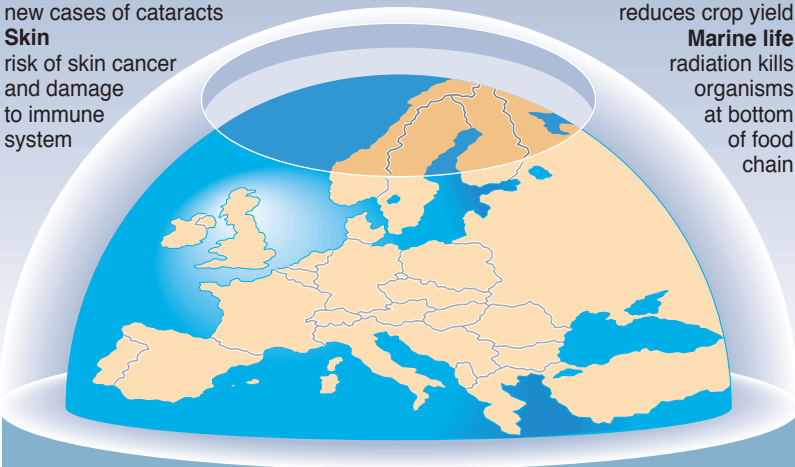
risk of skin cancer
and damage
to immune
system

Crops

ultraviolet light
reduces crop yield

Marine life

radiation kills
organisms
at bottom
of food chain



United Kingdom

Halons banned by
1994, CFCs by 1995



Germany

Wants CFCs
banned by 1993



Netherlands

CFC production and
use to end by 1995



Norway

Outlawing of CFCs
began last year



Sweden

Total elimination of
CFCs by 1995



Denmark

Planned reductions
through 1994



Finland

Trying to bring ban
forward to 1994



Switzerland

Plans to eliminate
all CFC use by 1995



Spain



Italy



France

**Eastern
Europe**

All currently in line with existing 1997 deadline.
Support European Community plan to bring ban forward to 1995

Low priority owing to
economic problems