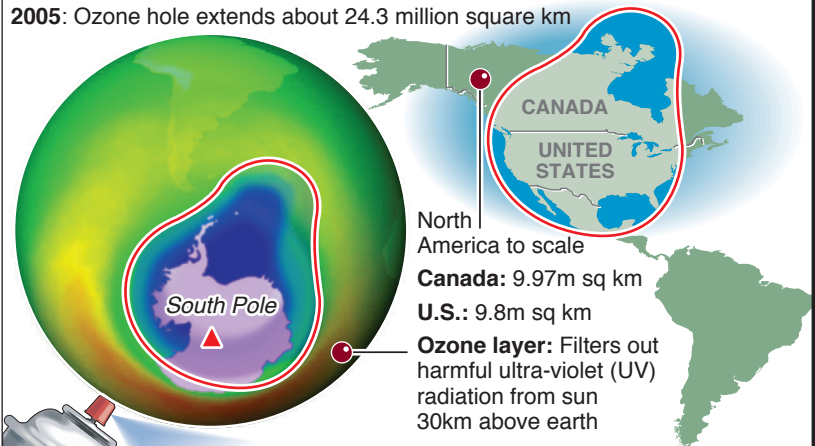


Delay expected in ozone hole recovery

The eventual recovery of the gaping ozone hole over Antarctica, first discovered 20 years ago, may take a further six decades to recover. Research suggests that ozone-killing chemicals remain in wide use in refrigerators, air-conditioning systems and aerosols throughout the world

2005: Ozone hole extends about 24.3 million square km



Chlorofluorocarbons: CFCs are blamed for most ozone depletion. New research suggests that chlorine and bromine in stratosphere are not dissipating as fast as expected

How chlorine kills the ozone layer

