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(The United Nation's International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is on September 16th)

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I well remember in 1977 when my dear friend, Kenneth Clark, told me straight out the we were in trouble - CFC's were destroying the Earth's ozone layer. At that time it all seemed so hypothetical. 25 years later, well after they had banned CFC's, NASA (and other researchers) reported that the biggest hole, the Antarctic Hole was shrinking. Finally something was getting better - using common sense we had solved this terrifying problem!

Hmmm....

I wish that this was the end of this "story" but we still dump a lot of CFC's and other ozone depleting junk into the upper atmosphere. As the graph clearly indicates the Antarctic Ozone Hole is still growing - and is now threatening the health and well-being of those who live in southern Australia, Argentina and Chile.

(Graph courtesy of NASA)

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