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United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), German Agency For Technical Cooperation (GTZ) and Greenpeace International Release New Video

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"Back to the Future: Working Safely with Hydrocarbons in Refrigeration"

CAIRO, EGYPT, 23 November 1998 - UNEP, GTZ and GREENPEACE INTERNATIONAL jointly launched a new video focusing on how to work safely with hydrocarbons in domestic and small commercial refrigeration equipment. Entitled Back to the Future: Working Safely With Hydrocarbons, the video demonstrates that through good practices it is possible to work safely with hydrocarbons.

This co-production between UNEP, Germany and Greenpeace is intended for equipment manufacturers, technical managers and policy makers. The 15 minute video will be accompanied by a manual which supplies more detailed information. The video and manual are for training purposes, and will be a reference tool to National Ozone Units (NOUs) in their efforts to replace ozone depleting substances (ODSs) in refrigeration equipment.

Hydrocarbons are efficient and cost-effective alternatives to ozone depleting and global warming substances that are used as refrigerants and insulation foam blowing agents in the manufacture of refrigeration equipment. However, hydrocarbons are flammable and therefore require appropriate safety measures during production and servicing.

Funding for the video was provided as part of Germany's bilateral contributions to the Multilateral Fund of the Montreal Protocol.

Copies of the video and manuals will be available from all three agencies. The video is available in English, French and Spanish.

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