

Arling--The ozone hole over Antarctica was the same in September 2010 as compared to September 1987. This is because ozone depleting chemicals persist for long periods in the ozone layer but should recover by 2065. Lifetime risk of developing melanoma is increasing. Article 2 methyl bromide consumption reduced from approximately 55,000 metric tons in 1991 to 3,500 metric tons in 2009. Article 5 methyl bromide consumption reduced from approximately 9,000 metric tons in 1991 to 4,000 metric tons in 2009. Latin America has phased out 54% methyl bromide from the baseline and is the highest methyl bromide user of developing countries. The process for the critical use exemption was described. The highest use of critical use methyl bromide is strawberry. For 2012, the Parties to the Protocol authorized 1,023 metric tons of methyl bromide for the United States. EPA is proposing to allocate 1,023 metric tons of methyl bromide for 2012. There is a 2015 phase-out date in developing countries for critical use methyl bromide.