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## The 2006 HTOC Report: Global World Bank Figures

The 2006 Halon Technical Options Committee (HTOC) report is now out and available for viewing [here](#). The report is a comprehensive look at the year's halon management and banking all over the world.

One of the most interesting parts of the report are the estimates of how much gas is left in the world. According to the HTOC report, the amount of halon 1301 in the global bank is about 50,000 metric tons, which has risen from the 2002 assessment of 39,000 metric tons.

The global halon 1211 bank, at the end of 2005, has about 90,000 metric tons, which is lower than the 2002 assessment of 106,000 metric tons.

HTOC reports that it is their opinion that adequate global stocks of both halons will exist and meet the future needs of critical end users for both halon 1301 and halon 1211. Over 35% of the halon 1301 supply is currently in Japan, and the majority of halon 1211 is residing in handheld extinguishers in China.

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approx. 50,000  
metric tons**

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HTOC was unable to pull substantial evidence and data for the amount of halon 2402 in the global bank, however, they do know that the majority is currently in the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

The full text of the report, which examines all different avenues involved with halon management & banking, is [here](#). We hope you enjoy it!

## Greenhouse Gas Cuts in NJ!

On February 15, 2007, Governor Jon Corzine of New Jersey signed an executive order that reduced greenhouse gases in NJ by 80%. The order states that greenhouse gas emissions be cut by 20% by the year 2020 and 80% by the year 2050.

For this to happen, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Board of Public Utilities, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Community Affairs will all work together with the state's Energy Master Plan to attain the reduction of greenhouse gases through legislatures on a community and business level.

## Chrissy's Corner Notes from the Editor-in-Chief



Happy Valentine's Day!

February is a tough month. It's cold, it's 2 months after the holidays (and thus, the bills start to really sink in!), it's just generally, well...not exciting.

That being said, I am not going to have this month's message be realted to February. Not even related to the month. I am going to talk about something completely random and different.

The Food Network.

I don't know how many of you have the Food Channel on your cable or satellite provider, but I do, and man, do I love that channel. Any hour of the night I can turn on the tv and find Rachel Ray making a meal in 30 minutes or the barefoot contessa making some sinfully tasty looking cornbread, or the Japanese Iron Chefs duking it out using JUST squid to make a five course meal. I cannot express my affection for the Food Channel enough. I think it's on more than ESPN at my house - and, if you knew my husband, you'd know what a big deal that is.

Recently, they changed their slogan to, "Way more than cooking." I thought that was pretty clever, because the network has much more than just cooking shows - they offer travel tips, nutritional ideas, ways to bond with your kids - all on this one network that has the broad definition of "food".

It made me begin to think of good ol' Willy Shakespeare's phrase (and forgive me for butchering it, I've been out of school for 6 yrs now), "what's in a name...?" One of the major plagues of the advertising and marketing industry is finding a title, a slogan, a tag name, that will exemplify what you and your company does. Something that just says it all - in 5 words or less.

## Upcoming Events

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**10th - 14th** - FSSA

Conference in FL ([www.fssa.net](http://www.fssa.net))

**14th** - Happy Valentine's Day!

**25th** - Chrissy's Birthday :-)

A monitoring system will be in place to track the current use of greenhouse gases and create a progress report every 2 years.

This plan follows the plans set forth by the Kyoto Protocol, which the U.S. has not signed on to country wide, but other statewide and communitywide measures mirroring this plan have already been in effect. The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement (where individual municipalities and communities agree to the conditions set forth by the Kyoto Protocol) is already in effect in cities such as South Brunswick, Brick, and Newark. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger from California has proposed a similar measure to Corzine's.

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- Gov. Jon Corzine**

"Today we have taken steps to preserve our planet for our children and our grandchildren," Corzine states. "In the absence of leadership on the federal level, the burden has now fallen upon state executives and legislatures to lead the way on this issue and I'm proud that New Jersey is helping to blaze this trail."

We here at Wesco are proud to see our homestate of NJ taking the lead and creating the legislature to help preserve our ozone. While we always take care to follow strict guidelines set forth by the EPA and other worldwide governing bodies, it is refreshing to see the state of NJ also adopt such measures on a statewide, governmental level.



## Trivia Time!

Absolutely NO ONE entered our trivia contest last month, so this month we are raising the stakes - ONE lucky winner will get a \$100 American Express gift card. You have to be fast and get your answers in as soon as possible to be considered as the lone winner for this prize!

This month's trivia focuses on the Academy Awards of 2007 (the Oscars) which were given out at the end of this month. To win the contest, you must be the first person to answer both of these questions correctly! Good luck!

Not an easy task.

With our little tag line, "halon management and banking", that only scrapes the surface on what we do. All of the duties and tasks involved with halon managing and banking aren't adequately expressed in those 4 little words. We do imports and exports all over the world, we bank halon (ok THAT one is expressed in the tag), we recycle and reclaim halon 1211, 1301, halotron, and FM-200. We offer assistance in setting up a halon bank. We sell fire fighting foams and dry chemicals. We have a wide variety of cylinders, old and new, for sale, as well as valves and parts. We can answer (almost) any halon question you may have, or at least point you towards where to look for that answer.

It's not easy to sum up your entire company focus in a name or a slogan. I guess that's the point of my note this month. Our entire scope can't be shoved into a little tag line. So, if there's something, ANYTHING, related to halon - Wesco can help you out.

After all, the Food Network is way more than just food - and Wesco Halon Management & Banking is way more than just "management & banking".

Now, if you'll excuse me...Tyler Florence is on...

## Who's Who in the FSSA

### Part 2 in a 3 Part Series

As reported in our special article last month about the history of the FSSA, below is a list of the major players in the organization. They all have helped to build and maintain FSSA into the organization it is today.

In no apparent order:

Walter Morgan  
George Grabowski  
Dave Francis  
Bill Eckholm  
Ralph Hiltz  
Charlie Ford  
Roger Cholin  
George Keeley  
Harold Halfpenny  
Burton Ford  
Cal Clemons  
Bob Yellin  
Bob Roos  
Bill Healy  
Bernie Bischoff

A big thank you to these guys for building the FSSA! Without their hard work and dedication, FSSA would not reach as many installers and manufacturers that it does today. The impact FSSA has had on the fire protection industry is immeasurable. We're proud to be members here at Wesco - if you are interested in learning more about FSSA, please visit their website at [www.fssa.net](http://www.fssa.net).

Next month will be our last part in the 3 part FSSA Series: What exactly DOES FSSA do? Happy birthday again, FSSA!

## NAFED: What Happens in Vegas...

...is more fun if you come visit Wesco at their booth! The

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**8th - 9th** - NAFED 1st

Regional Conference ([www.nafed.org](http://www.nafed.org))

**11th** - Daylight Savings Time Begins

**17th** - May the luck o' the Irish be with ye!

## New Column!!

The Halon Herald is looking to feature several "war stories" of some of our readers' interesting experiences with halon or other clean agents.

Got a story to tell? [Click here](#) to email us some facts - We'll feature you in an upcoming Halon Herald!

- The "Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award" is sometimes given out at the Oscars. What kind of person gets this award?
- What physical characteristic makes this "award" different from the other Oscar awards?

Good luck! Click [here](#) to email us your answers!

National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors (NAFED) is holding the first of its 3 annual meetings in Las Vegas, NV on March 8-9 in the Flamingo Hotel. As always, NAFED puts on a highly informative and enlightening meeting, and we urge you all to attend!

Wesco will be showcasing with Shannon, Chrissy, and John this year and giving out free cookies again to promote the "sweet business" you can do with Wesco. In between playing the slots, stop by and say hello! We hope to see you there!