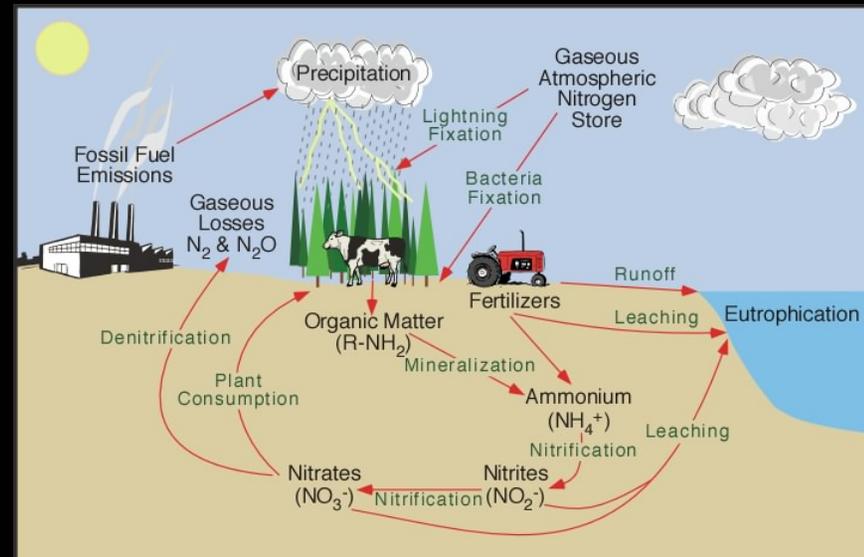


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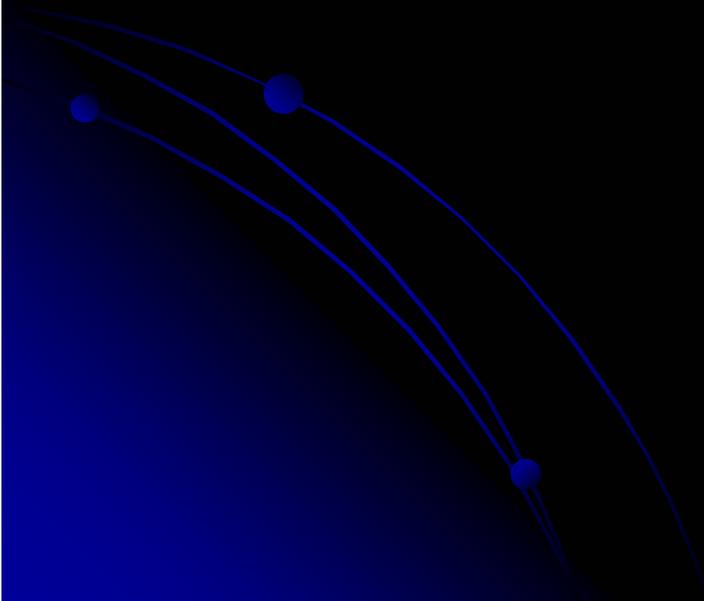
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# Overview

- About EPA's Office of International Affairs (OIA)



# About OIA:

*For over 30 years  
The Office of International Affairs  
(OIA) has lead The United States  
Environmental Protection Agency's  
efforts to address global  
environmental issues*



*Four Program Offices Comprise OIA:*



# *The Office of Management Operations*



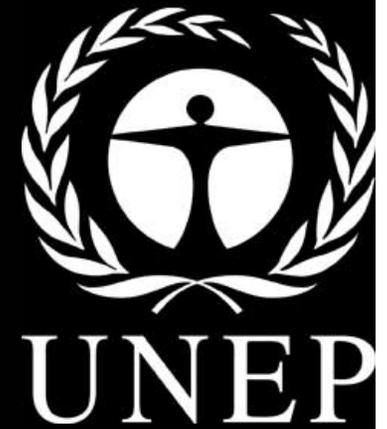
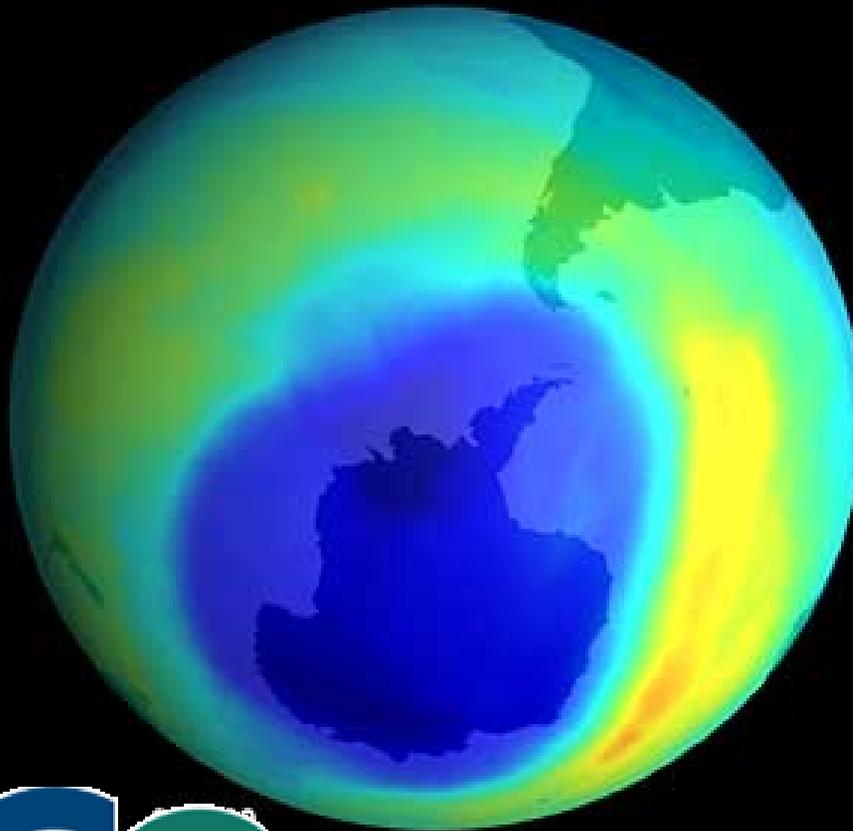


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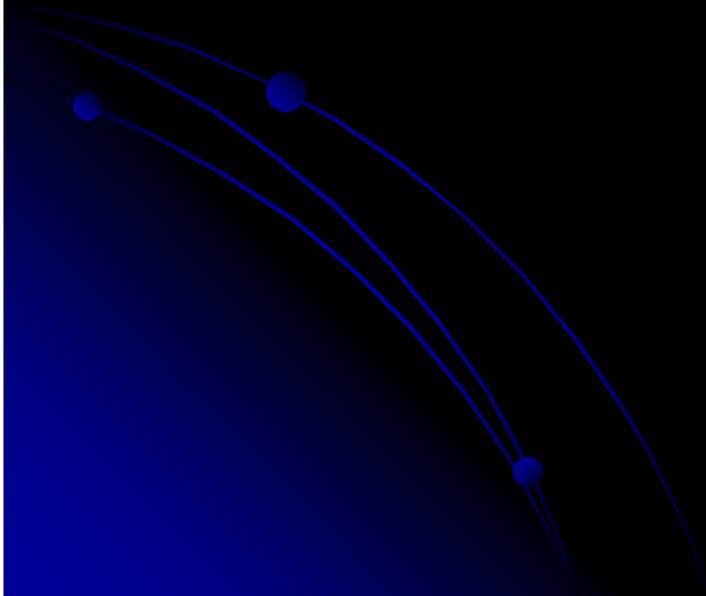
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# *The Office of International Environmental Policy*



# ***The Office of International Environmental Policy (OIEP)***

*Providing Leadership, Analysis, and  
Coordination for EPA's Work with/on:*

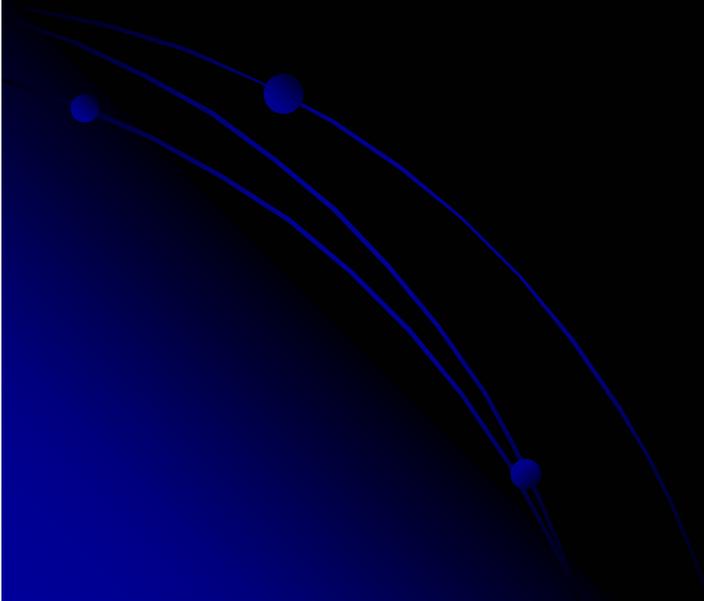


# ***OIEP - Harnessing the 'Value Added' of Multilateral Organizations:***

- **Example of an ongoing and a new activity:**
  - **The United Nations Environment Program (*UNEP*):**
    - The Global Program of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities (GPA): The only intergovernmental program that addresses the inter-linkages between freshwater and the coastal environment.
  - **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (*OECD*):**
    - The "Sustainable Financing to Ensure Affordable Access to Water and Sanitation" initiative is a program involving the Environment, Agriculture, and Development Directorates.

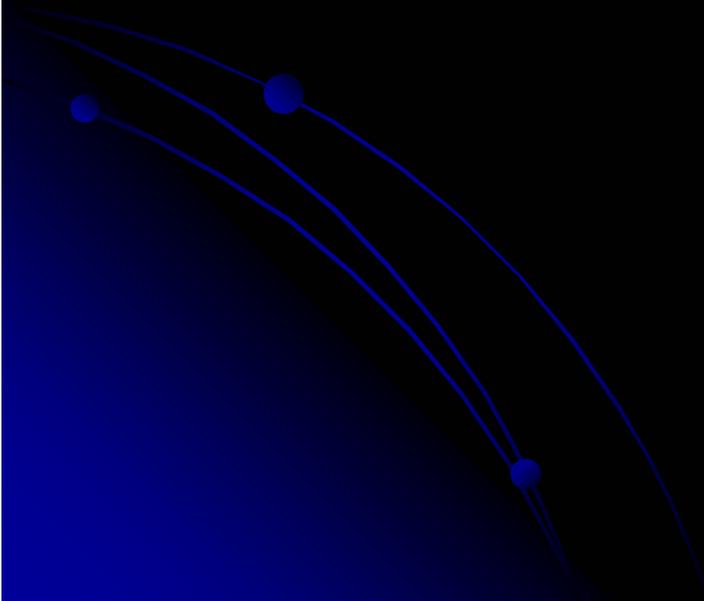
# *OIEP – Addressing Marine Pollution and Environmental Externalities Related to Increased International Trade:*

- EPA's Sustainable Ports and Carriers (SPC) Partnership:
  - SPC is an international collaboration to promote sustainability for port communities and active international cooperation in



# *Summary*

- Just the tip of the iceberg.
- Are these 'nitrogen' issues?



We are drowning in information, while starving for wisdom. The world henceforth will be run by synthesizers, people able to put together the right information at the right time, think critically about it, and make important choices wisely.

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Thank You!

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