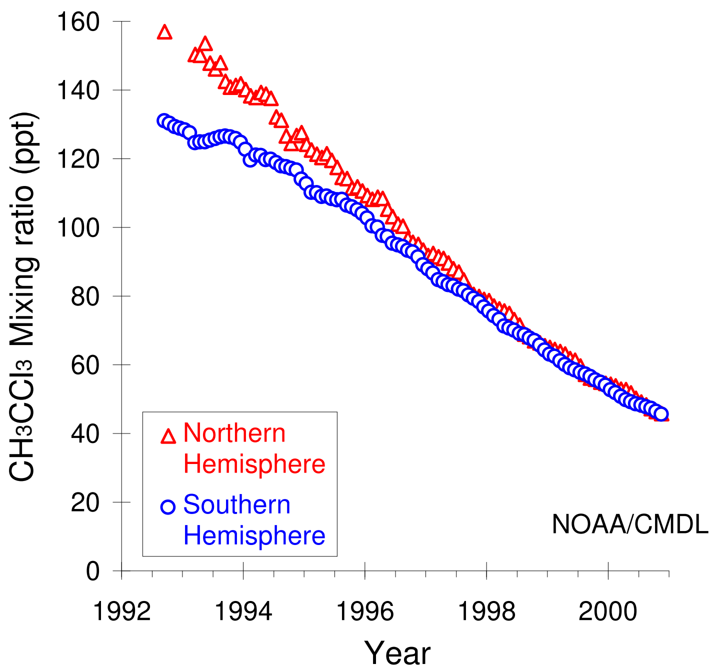

Atmospheric levels of the industrial chemical methyl chloroform have declined dramatically in recent years because of legislation to protect stratospheric ozone. The rapid fall-off observed in the global atmosphere by NOAA scientists has provided them a much clearer picture of how the atmosphere cleanses itself of many pollutants that affect ozone and global climate.