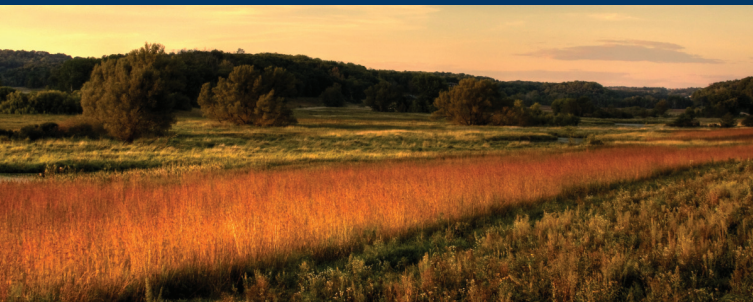


## The Australian Government has introduced legislation aimed at minimising the discharge of ozone depleting substances and synthetic greenhouse gases to the atmosphere.

*Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989*



The ozone layer protects the earth from harmful radiation from the sun. This radiation can significantly increase skin cancers as well as harm plants and animals. The legislation aims to protect the ozone layer by preventing the unnecessary release of ozone depleting substances.

Greenhouse gases build up in the atmosphere causing global warming and climate change. The legislation aims to reduce the effects of global warming by preventing the unnecessary release of synthetic (man-made) greenhouse gases to the atmosphere.

Gaseous fire suppression systems and portable extinguishers affected by the legislation include those containing:

- Halon
- NAF S-III
- FM-200
- BCF
- NAF-P-III
- FE-13

Systems and extinguishers using these gases are permitted under the legislation, however they must be serviced and maintained by technicians who hold an Extinguishing Agent Handling Licence

Before allowing any technician to work on your gaseous fire suppression system or extinguisher you should check that they are licensed.

## Halon is banned for most uses in Australia

**NOTE:** Systems or extinguishers containing halon or BCF may only remain in service if a Halon Special Permit has been issued. If your facility still uses halon or BCF and a Halon Special Permit has not been issued for it please contact the Fire Protection Industry (ODS & SGG) Board.



## Extinguishing Agent Handling Licences



The following licence categories exist for technicians working on fire extinguishers and gaseous fire suppression systems:

- 1 Portable Fire Extinguisher Maintenance Licence
- 2 Fixed System Installation and Decommissioning Licence
- 3 Fixed System Testing and Maintenance Licence
- 4 Recovery Reclamation, Fill and Recycling Licence
- 5 Warehouse Maintenance Licence
- 6 Control Systems Installation, Commissioning and Decommissioning Licence

Depending upon the service activity being undertaken, your service technician will need licence category 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6.

**Help protect our environment by ensuring your service technicians hold the appropriate extinguishing agent handling licence.**



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**Does your facility have a gaseous fire suppression system or portable fire extinguisher?**



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### Further information

A copy of the regulations and a full list of gases included under the Act can be found on the FPA Australia Website – ozone and greenhouse [www.fpa.com.au](http://www.fpa.com.au)

Additional information can also be found on the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

[www.environment.gov.au/ozone](http://www.environment.gov.au/ozone)

### Or contact:

The Executive Officer  
Fire Protection Industry (ODS & SGG) Board

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**If so, your service technicians may require a licence**



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