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The world's forests are disappearing at a slower pace as protection and management by governments improve, a United Nations agency said....

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OMB Reviewing EPA Refrigerant Venting Rule
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California's impending decision to place on its list of carcinogenic chemicals four widely used pesticides—including Monsanto's glyphosate, the most widely used pesticide in the country—has uncertain ramifications...

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Activists, Pesticide Industry Get Into FOIA Fight
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