
US Environment Agency Chief to Attend Ozone Layer Meeting in Dubai - White House

WASHINGTON, October 28 (Sputnik) - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy will lead US efforts to protect the ozone layer at an environmental meeting on the Montreal Protocol in Dubai next week, National Security Council spokesperson Ned Price said in a statement on Wednesday. "McCarthy will promote US climate and environmental goals by leading the US delegation to the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, which will take place November 1-5 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates," Price said. The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer is a worldwide agreement that safeguards the stratosphere's ozone coating through strategies to direct power and consumer of ozone-draining materials. Price said the meeting would discuss an amendment to the Montreal Protocol to consider hydrofluorocarbon emissions. "[They] are replacing ozone-depleting substances and are rapidly becoming a major contributor to global climate change," Price said. The Montreal Protocol has achieved universal ratification and is considered by many to be the most successful multilateral environmental treaty to date, Price noted.