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Dean Stanbridge, right, is presented with the 2004 Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award from Dave Robinson of the Steritech Group Inc.

## Local man receives environmental award

A Milton resident was recently named the recipient of a prestigious environmental award for his work to protect the ozone layer.

Dean Stanbridge was presented with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2004 Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. April 13 for his work in reducing methyl bromide usage around the world.

Mr. Stanbridge is technical director and vice-president of the Steritech Group Inc.'s Canadian operations. A pest management industry expert in fumigation and industry-influencing technology, Mr. Stanbridge has dedicated his 20-year career to finding, using and advocating reduced pesticide methods of pest management.

He was particularly interested in the effects of methyl bromide on the environment. One of the most widely used pesticides in food processing around the world, methyl bromide has been shown to seriously deplete the stratospheric ozone layer of the earth.

Depletion of the ozone layer has been directly linked to increased skin cancer rates and damage to crops and marine life worldwide.

"Great ingenuity and effort are needed to protect the earth's atmosphere," said Jeffrey Holmstead, assistant administrator, Office of Air and Radiation. "The 2004 Climate and Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award winners are filling this need by leading our global community toward reduced emissions of ozone-depleting substances and greenhouse gases.

"In doing so, these 29 people, organizations and companies from 10 countries have contributed not only to a healthier environment, but to a sound economy based upon innovation and efficiency."

In 1990, the U.S. EPA established the Stratospheric Ozone Protection awards to recognize exceptional leadership, personal dedication and technical achievements in protecting the earth's stratospheric ozone layer.

From 1990 to 2003, the Stratospheric

Ozone Protection Award has been presented to 460 individuals and organizations from 39 countries.

As a member of the Canadian Industry/Government Working Group on Methyl Bromide Alternatives, Mr. Stanbridge has worked with members of the Canadian government to develop alternative methods of pest management for the food processing industry.

Mr. Stanbridge is a recognized expert in fumigation alternatives and has been recruited by the United Nations to educate third-world countries — including Indonesia and Bulgaria — on methyl bromide alternatives.

Under the direction of the United Nations' Environmental Program, a complete phase-out of methyl bromide has been called for in developed countries by next year and in developing countries by 2015.

Recently, Mr. Stanbridge's 2003 proposal advocating integrated pest management for Indonesian food processors was accepted by the United Nations as a viable alternative to methyl bromide usage, a first in the history of the United Nations.

His individual work with more than 20 food processing plants around the world has helped directly reduce methyl bromide use by more than six tonnes during the last five years.

"Dean is a wonderful example to so many people and he's contributed to both students and staff," said Dr. Brian Desbiens, president of Mr. Stanbridge's alma mater, Sir Sandford Fleming College of Applied Arts and Technology in Peterborough. "Dean is a fine person and a perfect example of using his interests to not only make a difference in his workplace but to also make the world safer and more sustainable."

Eric Eicher, Steritech Pest Prevention Division president, said Steritech is extremely proud of Mr. Stanbridge.

"The efforts and contributions of Dean's cannot be underestimated in their impact on the world environment."

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They'll also have a chance to see for the first time Rose, the figurine created exclusively for Mr. Doulton's 2004 visits.

Mr. Doulton will autograph Rose as well as any other Royal Doulton collectibles purchased.

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