

Safety & Environmental Newsletter

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It's ALL about YOU - What YOU need to know about staying safe

Despite the recent reoccurrence of cold weather here at Wallops, the fact is, SPRING is here! And with spring, comes the increased chance of severe weather. Add that to the list of “anytime” emergencies that may occur in the Wallops community and **YOU** have the perfect reason to review your Wallops emergency planning efforts.

Emergency planning is an “**all hands**” effort. Emergency Management, Department Heads, Supervisors, and FOMs **begin** emergency planning efforts by developing policy and procedures. And in the end, it is up to **YOU** to make sure you are aware of what you should do to keep yourself safe **BEFORE** the emergency occurs. And how best to do that?



Begin with looking at your building’s bulletin board. Each floor of every occupied building should have a Building Emergency Plan (BEP) & Fire Plan posted as well as posters describing Wallops’ Emergency Warning System (EWS), tornado safety information and earthquake safety information. Contact your building’s FOM if more flyers are needed.

Next, make sure you take the BEP training course provided in [SATERN](#). This annual BEP training is **REQUIRED** of all Wallops employees since 2013 and has been added to employees Learning Plans. If you supervise employees that don’t have easy access to SATERN, provide a site to them.

Your building’s BEP is available on [WFF’s Emergency Management website page](#). Additional preparedness information and safety information is available at this site also. Your building’s BEP, supported by informational flyers, will tell you how to safely **RESPOND** to most emergencies that may occur at Wallops including:

- Your building evacuation marshalling areas
- Safe tornado response
- Earthquake safety tips
- Fire alarm response
- Active shooters on site
- Hazardous Materials Spills
- High winds
- Bomb threats
- And much more

So take the time **NOW** to get yourself ready for anything that might get thrown your way – you’ll be glad you did.



SAFETY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES		
Course	Date	Building and Room Number
NFPA 101 Life Safety Code	June 16-18	Building E-104 Room 116
Cryogenic Safety	July 22-23	Building E-104 Room 214
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Upcoming Training

Hazardous Waste (HW) and Integrated Contingency Plan (ICP) Combined Annual Refresher Tuesday, May 27, Wednesday, May 28, and Thursday, May 29 from 9:00-11:00 am & 1:00-3:00 pm Building E-104 Chincoteague Room

Integrated Contingency Plan Annual Refresher Wednesday, May 28, 3:00-4:00 pm and Friday, May 30, 9:00-10:00 am Building E-104 Chincoteague Room

The HW refresher is required for all who handle HW. The ICP refresher is required for all personnel who handle hazardous materials, hazardous waste, or petroleum products.

To register for a class, please contact Marianne Simko at x2127.



The **GSFC Wallops Flight Facility Environmental Management System Awareness Training** is now available in SATERN at <https://satern.nasa.gov>

Personnel should have completed this latest version by December 31, 2013. Update is required every three years thereafter.

If you need additional information, please contact Lauren Chance at x1179.

Eastern Shore Green Events

- * **April 26** Earth Day at the Salisbury Zoo, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- * **May 1** Living Shoreline Workshop for Homeowners from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Occohannock on the Bay Camp and Retreat Center. Lunch will be provided. Advanced registration is required. Contact Gwynn Crichton at gcrichton@tnc.org to register.
- * **May 10** Household Hazardous Waste Collection for Northampton and Accomack counties from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Temperanceville, Parksley, and Birdnest solid waste centers. The first 50 pounds are free as funds allow.
- * **May 10** Mother Earth Day Festival from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Robert Reed Park in Chincoteague.



Buy local, tour local, launch local!

Wallops Earth Day at the Picnic Pavillion

Thursday April 24, 2014 11:00 to 1:00

Wallops Farmers Market, featuring Eastern Shore produce, seafood, and much more available for purchase!

Plus perennial favorites like solar s'mores!

WEMA will be offering the following lunch choices:

Hot dog, chips and a drink \$3.75

Hamburger, chips, and a drink \$4.00

