



Safety and Environmental Newsletter

September 2020 — 101st Edition



September is **National Preparedness Month**. Each year, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) encourages families and individuals to take simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies:

1. Get an emergency supply kit
2. Make a family (or individual) emergency plan
3. Be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses

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Disasters Don't Wait.
MAKE YOUR PLAN TODAY.

For more information and resources about National Preparedness Month, visit ready.gov/september. Additional resources for [emergency preparedness](#) and [disaster preparedness](#) are available from the NASA Safety Center (NSC) to help you stay safe at home and at work!

WALLOPS SAFETY VIDEO

Visit the Wallops Safety Office website at sites.wff.nasa.gov/code803 to take a look at the new Wallops Safety orientation video! Please note that Wallops employees (both civil servants and contractors) requiring this training to obtain island access must watch the Wallops Safety video in SATERN to receive credit. The link to the SATERN training course can be found on the Safety Office's website as well.

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Wallops Safety Videos

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FY2021 Environmental Management System High Priorities

Wallops Environmental Management System (EMS) annually scores all environmental impacts and benefits based on safety and health, natural and cultural resources, legal and regulatory implications, mission and institutional capability, reputation and stakeholder relationship, cost, and mission or project schedule. The impact or benefit score combined with the probability or likelihood of the occurrence determine if an environmental impact or benefit will be a High Priority. All High Priorities are approved by senior management. High Priorities communicate environmental focuses for the upcoming year to WFF.

- **Environmental Planning** is a High Priority **Risk** because one FY21 project may be delayed by the complexity of the NEPA analysis and regulatory consultations, and funds required for multiple FY21 NEPA analyses exceed FY20 NEPA costs.
- **Natural and Cultural Resources** is a High Priority **Risk** due to the expected FY21 continued impacts on natural resources from beach replenishment and fiber installation projects as well as the lack of a comprehensive wetland strategy and funding for updating the WFF Cultural Sensitivity Model .
- **Site Restoration** is a High Priority **Risk** due to the level of funding required for continued PFAS investigation and for a new drinking water well infrastructure and the new Consent Agreement for the Feerally Owned Defense Sites (FUDS) .
- **Sustainability** is a High Priority **Opportunity** because FY21 will be the first full year of cost savings.

Environmental Policy



Goddard Policy Directive (GPD)

DIRECTIVE NO.	<u>GPD 8500.1D</u>
EFFECTIVE DATE:	<u>May 25, 2017</u>
EXPIRATION DATE:	<u>May 25, 2022</u>

Responsible Office: 250/Medical and Environmental Management Division (MEMD)

Title: Environmental Policy and Program Management

1. POLICY

The Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) missions expand knowledge of the Earth and its environment, the solar system, and the universe. To maintain our nation's leadership in this endeavor, GSFC commits to conducting missions in a manner that promotes environmental stewardship. As an integral part of all mission planning and implementation, GSFC's environmental policy is to:

- Comply with all applicable Federal, state, and local laws and regulations, Executive Orders, NASA policies, and other requirements;
- Prevent pollution, conserve natural resources, and consider the environmental impacts of Center actions during planning;
- Implement pragmatic and cost effective solutions to environmental challenges;
- Communicate with the GSFC community, our partners, and the public;
- Continue to improve our environmental performance by:
 - Promoting awareness through education and training;
 - Integrating environmentally sustainable best management practices into our daily work activities;
 - Exploring advances in environmental technology; and
 - Providing a framework for setting goals, objectives and targets through our Environmental Management System (EMS).

These commitments demonstrate GSFC's environmental stewardship in our community.

The Goddard Environmental Policy requires each of us to understand the environmental impacts of our work and to plan ways to mitigate those impacts.

Even simple actions such as recycling, limiting printing, and turning off lights can have a big impact.

