



# Safety and Environmental Newsletter

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## SAFETY TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION TRACKING COMING!

# CERTRAK

Certrak is an online tool that the Safety Office is using to track the completion of safety-related proficiencies, requirements, and qualifications such as training, courses, exams, and medical assessments. Certrak is currently being used to track Explosive Safety certifications and will soon be used to track other safety certifications such as Operations Safety Specialist (OSS), Confined Space, Lifting Devices and Equipment (LDE), Mishaps, and Pressure Systems.

Once the Safety Office begins using Certrak to track OSS, Confined Space, LDE, Mishaps, and Pressure Systems, emails automatically generated from the system will be distributed. If your job requires safety-related training and/or certifications in any of the areas mentioned above, please be on the lookout for an email from Certrak.

The Certrak website is <https://safety.msfc.nasa.gov/apps/certrak4/instances/gsf/>.

A NAMS request must be completed to use the system.

## BUILDING EMERGENCY PLANS – ARE YOU PREPARED?

**PLAN AHEAD**  
**BE AWARE**  
**STAY SAFE**

Building Emergency Plans (BEPs) are developed to ensure the safest and most efficient evacuation of a building or what to do in different types of emergencies. Emergencies may include explosions, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, hazardous or toxic material releases, radiological and biological accidents, civil disturbances, or workplace violence events. Do you know what you would do in any of these situations? Deciding whether to shelter-in-place or evacuate to safety are among the most important decisions that must be made during an emergency.

Please review your building's emergency plan at:

<https://gs240sharepointeoc.gsf.nasa.gov/sites/eoc/wff/SitePages/Home.aspx>.



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**Green Purchasing... Sustainable Acquisition... BioPreferred... Affirmative Procurement...**

## What does it all mean?

Federal government and its contractors have the opportunity to make huge impacts with their purchases. One impact is to help to create markets for other industries to produce “green” goods and services that are healthier for people and our environment. **Sustainable Acquisition** or **Green Purchasing** is the purchasing of products which are **energy-efficient, water-efficient, biobased, environmentally preferable, non-ozone depleting**, and those made with **recycled or recovered materials**. **Green Purchasing** is mandated by Executive Orders, Federal Statutes, NASA Regulations, and GSFC purchasing requirements. Web-site links for each of these programs can be found on the Code 250 Green Purchasing Program website at:

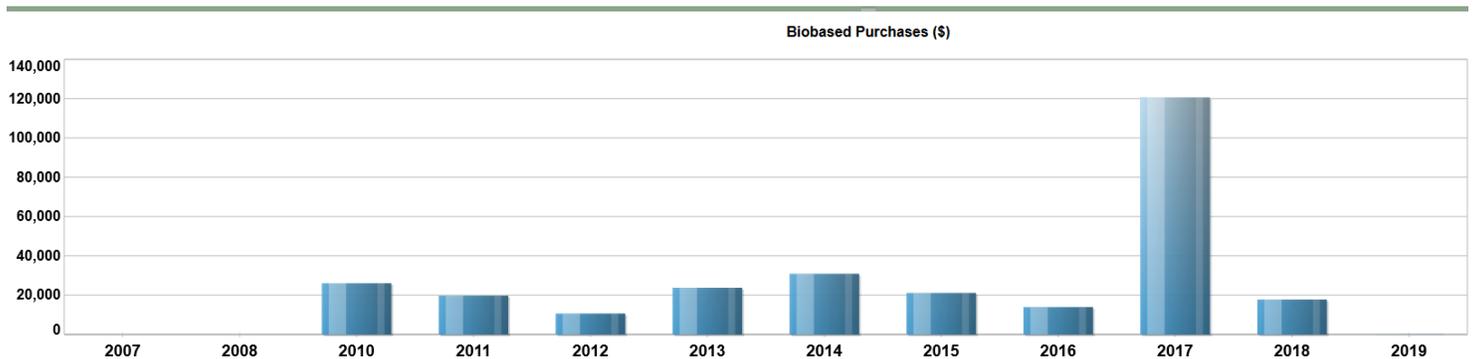
[http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/code250/green\\_purchasing.html](http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/code250/green_purchasing.html)



The **BioPreferred** program is managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to increase the use of **biobased** products. Biobased products are made from renewable domestic agricultural materials (including plant, animal, and marine materials) or forestry materials. Examples include soy degreasers, soy hydraulic oil, and biodiesel fuel.

**The Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG)** or **Affirmative Procurement** is part of EPA’s continuing effort to promote the use of materials recovered from solid waste. Designated products are required to be purchased with recovered or recycled content. Examples include paper, sanitary tissue, and carpet cushion.

The graph below shows Wallops biobased purchasing over the years.



To comply with **Green Purchasing** requirements, follow these steps:

1. Determine if your product or service has **green** requirements. In addition to the website associated with each purchasing program, the green procurement tool ( <http://www.sftool.gov/greenprocurement> ) associates all the requirements for each item or service in one location.
2. Request items or services.
3. Document the reason, if a product or service has **green** requirements associated with the purchase request but cannot be purchased that way.
4. Report to Code 250 on purchases of all items (not purchased through Federal Supply Sources) which have **green** purchasing requirements, during the annual December data call.

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