

Safety & Environmental Newsletter

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HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE

Hurricane season in the Atlantic begins June 1st and ends November 30th. Now is a good time to check your preparedness. One of the things to do is to make sure you have an emergency supply kit. The following is a list of some items to have in your emergency kit:

- One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days
- Food for at least three day supply per person of non perishables
- Battery powered radio with extra batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Paper plates, cups and plastic utensils
- Paper towels, toilet paper, and garbage bags
- Manual can opener

Once this kit is put together you may need to consider other items to have ready such as prescription drugs, pet food and extra water for your pet. Also, be sure to have important documents stored in waterproof bags. More information on putting together an Emergency supply kit can be found at <http://www.vaemergency.gov/readyvirginia/getakit>

Below are the National Hurricane Center categories of storms and wind speeds associated with each category:

<u>STORM TYPE</u>	<u>WINDS (MPH)</u>
Tropical Storm	39 - 73
Category 1 Hurricane	74 - 95
Category 2 Hurricane	96 - 110
Category 3 Hurricane	111 - 130
Category 4 Hurricane	131 - 155
Category 5 Hurricane	>155

SMOKING POLICY

Effective June 13, 2012 GPR 1800.1C, GSFC Smoking and Other Tobacco Use Requirements was approved by Center Director, Mr. Chris Scolese.

Major changes that occurred with this revision of the GPR included:

- Tobacco use shall be prohibited in all GSFC/WFF buildings.
- Tobacco use shall be prohibited within 25 feet of any building entrance or open portal such as a ventilation air intake.
- Tobacco use shall be prohibited in all Government vehicles.

Enforcement of these requirements shall be upheld by GSFC management at all supervisory levels within respective organizations and areas of responsibility.

SCHEDULE

Executive Safety & Health Council Meetings

Held 2nd Thursday of each month.
Where: Bldg. F-6, Room 201
Time: 9:00

Employee Safety Council Meetings
Held 3rd Tuesday of each month.
Where: Bldg. E-109, Room 107
Time: 1:00

Contractor Safety Council Meetings
Held 2nd Tuesday of each month.
Where: Bldg. E-109, Room 107
Time: 10:00

“Safety isn’t expensive it’s priceless.”



Seen These?



Hidden beneath these “tents” are temporary groundwater monitoring wells. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), in coordination with the Environmental Office, will install, sample, and then remove over 150 of these groundwater wells throughout the Main Base through September 14, 2012. Following laboratory analyses of the groundwater and soil, the USACE will determine whether any potential impacts related to historic Department of Defense (DoD) activities are present in the shallow soil or groundwater at WFF.

Prior to NASA acquiring the Main Base in 1959, the facility was a very active Naval Air Station from 1943 - 1959. The USACE, under the Formerly Used Defense Sites Program (FUDS), has conducted numerous environmental investigations at WFF since 1999 to evaluate and remediate any impacts created by historic DoD operations.

For more information, contact TJ Meyer at x1987.

Annual Wallops Beach Cleanup

The annual Wallops Beach Cleanup will be held Saturday, September 8, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All Wallops employees are invited to bring their family and meet at the Wallops Island Gate. Each employee needs to bring their badge. Work gloves, water, and insect repellent are also good items to have along. Trash bags, data cards, pencils, and nitrile gloves will be provided. Those who have camped on the beach following the Wallops beach party should meet us on the beach at 9:15, near the point where the beach access road meets the ocean.



The Wallops Beach Cleanup is part of the International Coastal Cleanup which unifies volunteers from 152 countries and locations to remove trash from the shores of lakes, streams, rivers, and oceans each year. Focus on inland streams and rivers is just as important as ocean beaches, since trash often travels to the ocean by way of storm drains and waterways.

The information collected from the data cards each volunteer team completes is used to identify the sources of debris, and change the behaviors that allow debris to reach the ocean in the first place.

In Virginia, volunteer efforts are coordinated by Clean Virginia Waterways (CVW), but their efforts don't end there. Information from the data cards is used to enact change. To combat the Number 1 litter problem in Virginia, cigarette butts, CVW conducted research to demonstrate that cigarette butts were toxic and not biodegradable. This research became the basis for an education campaign which has been shared with major cigarette manufacturers.

To register for the Wallops Beach Cleanup, contact Marianne Simko at x2127

