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## Wallops Beach Cleanup



The Wallops Beach Cleanup was held Saturday September 19, 2015, with 18 participants including members of Wallops Senior management and NASA Headquarters personnel. The morning was very warm and the beach was very clean, which were both unusual occurrences for a Wallops Beach Cleanup. As a result, the entire recreational beach was scoured yielding only 129 pounds of trash.

The Wallops Beach Cleanup is part of Clean Virginia Waterways and the International Coastal Cleanup. According to the Ocean Conservancy, “Ocean trash ranks as one of the

most serious pollution problems of our time. Much more than an eyesore, trash in the water and on the shore affects the health of people, wildlife and economies.” Do your part by properly disposing of all trash when boating or visiting the beach. Read more at [www.oceanconservancy.org](http://www.oceanconservancy.org).





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## 2016 Environmental Management System (EMS) High Priorities

Have you ever wondered how Wallops arrives at the Environmental Management System (EMS) High Priorities each year? Every August all environmental programs are scored based on their risk to safety and health, natural and cultural resources, legal and regulatory, mission and institution capability, reputation and stakeholder interest, cost, and mission schedule as well as the probability that the impact or benefit will occur during the upcoming fiscal year. After review by a project team of representatives from various NASA, contractor, and tenant organizations, Senior management approved the 2016 High Priorities on September 15, 2015. The 2016 High Priorities are:



**Hazardous Waste  
Site Restoration  
Air Quality  
Environmental Planning**



## Environmental Management System Policy



**Goddard Policy Directive (GPD)**

DIRECTIVE NO. GPD 8500.1C  
EFFECTIVE DATE: June 28, 2012  
EXPIRATION DATE: June 28, 2017

**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:

- a. Consider the neighboring natural environment while executing GSFC's mission;
- b. Comply with applicable Federal, state, and local legislation and regulations, Executive Orders (EO), NASA policies, and other requirements;
- c. Prevent pollution and conserve natural resources;
- d. Implement pragmatic and cost effective solutions to environmental problems;
- e. Communicate with the GSFC community, our partners, and the public; and
- f. Continue to improve our environmental performance through our Environmental Management System (EMS) including:
  - (1) Promote awareness through education and training;
  - (2) Integrate environmentally sustainable best management practices into our daily work activities;
  - (3) Explore advances in environmental technology; and
  - (4) Provide a framework for setting objectives and targets.

These commitments enable each of us to do our part for environmental stewardship in our community.

Goddard's EMS policy is found in GPD 8500.1. The policy can be easily restated by remembering to consider the environment in your daily job.

Your commitment, to use recycling containers, turn off lights, keep hazardous waste containers closed, and report spills, maintains and improves the Wallops ecosystem.



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## Keep your family safe with a working smoke alarm in every room.

Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep?

Smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. In fact, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half!

***When it comes to smoke alarms, it's about "location, location, location".***

The **key message** of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, October 4-10, is to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

***Get more information on smoke alarms.*** Visit NFPA's "[Smoke Alarm Central](#)" for all of the information you need to make sure your home smoke alarms are properly installed and maintained.

***What's your smoke alarm IQ?*** How often should you replace your home's smoke alarms? And, how often do you need to test them? [2015 Fire Prevention Week Quiz](#)

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## Upcoming Safety Courses

### October 14, Fire Extinguisher Training

Registration in SATERN Course [WFF-SH-FET](#)

Participants will learn to operate portable fire extinguishers safely as well as identifying different types of extinguishers. Training includes hands-on training using live fire. (Taught the second Wednesday of every month)

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### October 28, CPR-AETD Training

Registration in SATERN Course [GSFC-SH-CPRAED](#)

1230 to 1600 in E104, Chincoteague Room (Taught the last Wednesday of every month)

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