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Metal finishing cleans, coats depot's refurbished parts

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

If it is rebuilt, reworked or repaired on Anniston Army Depot, odds are the Metal Finishing Branch touches it.

There, parts are cleaned of any paint or oil that may be clinging to the surfaces then given a coating of chrome, zinc, phosphate, nickle or other substance.

"We chemically clean and sandblast parts down to the bare

metal then apply a metal finish," said Greg Leach, chief of the Metal Finishing Branch. "We touch about 90 percent of the parts that come off the vehicles overhauled here."

Parts prepped for a fresh coat of paint receive phosphate coating, which acts as a primer, allowing paint to adhere better to the slick metal surface.

Manganese phosphate is applied to parts, such as brackets, that will be left bare, since it resists rust.

And then there are the metal coating processes.

Vats filled with liquid metal line the shop, many topped off with a layer of table tennis balls to keep down potentially dangerous vapors.

"Chrome plating is applied to parts expected to have a lot of wear," said Leach. "We build the part up, above standard, with the chrome."

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Photo by Cherish Washington, AMC Public Affairs

Gen. Dennis L. Via, AMC Commanding General passes the guidon to Command Sergeant Major Ronald T. Riling, AMC Command Sergeant Major, during an official ceremony Aug. 7. Via reminded the AMC workforce this is a change of command ceremony not a change in direction.

Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody relinquishes command of Army Materiel Command

by Adoratia Purdy

AMC Public Affairs Office

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody relinquished command at Headquarters, Army Materiel Command Headquarters, here, Aug. 7. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, Army Chief of Staff, hosted the time honored change of command ceremony.

"It's great to be here on a day of celebration, a celebration honoring the accomplishments of Army Materiel Command. A unit that has frankly changed the dynamics of logistics for the United States Army," said Odierno.

U.S. Army Materiel Com-

mand has a complex mission ranging from development of sophisticated weapon systems and cutting-edge research, to maintenance and distribution of spare parts. If a soldier shoots it, drives it, flies it, wears it, communicates with it or eats it, AMC provides it.

Odierno credits Dunwoody's vision and determination as the key factors in transforming AMC into the Army's Lead Materiel Integrator and joint logistics supplier, all while streamlining efficiencies and caring for the soldiers, civilians and their families.

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Photo by John Makamson

Glen Williams lowers parts into a vat of phosphate in the depot's Metal Finishing Branch.

Sullivan says farewell

by Col. Timothy Sullivan

ANAD CO

Team Anniston, it is with great difficulty that I write my final TRACKS column.

It has been a whirlwind these last two years. As I said when I assumed command, Anniston Army Depot will continue to be the best in the business.

With a huge Alabama connection, it was an honor to relocate to this great state.

As my family and I began to settle in, we were immediately embraced by you and the community. I want to thank you for the support extended to me.

As I move on, I have no doubt that you will do the same as another great Soldier, COL Brent Bolander takes the helm.

You have an incredible reputation around the world.

Your dedication and knowledge precede you. And the customers are depending on you.

You are surrounded by the most capable, most patriotic and hardest working professionals.

Whether depot, tenant or partners, these are the people who endure the heat, cold and

other conditions to ensure our military has the best possible combat vehicles, weapons, artillery and components.

I am proud you and your accomplishments.

The depot has survived 71 years and I believe we are posturing ourselves for years to come.

With the investments we made in our infrastructure – the opening of the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Small

Arms Repair Facility and the Powertrain Transmission Facility – we are on the positioning ourselves for decades to come.

Despite the challenges we've faced, I commend you for remaining focused without losing sight of our mission.

As I leave the command post, I am fortunate to have served as your commander for two years.

This is not goodbye; that is too final.

My family and I will reside in northern region of the state, so I know that we will see each other again.

May God continue to bless each of you, this depot, the Army and our nation.



SULLIVAN



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Anniston Army Depot received the Alabama Wildlife Federation's Air Conservationist of the Year award Aug. 3. Pictured from left are: Ben Stimpson, 2012 president of the Alabama Wildlife Federation; Scotty Arrington, depot director of engineering and quality; Alabama Governor Dr. Robert Bentley; Bruce Williams, depot director of risk management; Depot Commander Timothy Sullivan; Horace Horn Jr. of PowerSouth Energy; and Matt Bowden of Alabama Power Company.

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

Anniston Army Depot was awarded the Governor's Air Conservationist Award at a ceremony hosted by the Alabama Wildlife Federation Aug. 3 in Prattville, Ala.

The Alabama Wildlife Federation's Governor's Conservation Achievement awards are the most prestigious conservation awards in the state, according to the AWF website. For over 30 years, the AWF has presented the awards to individuals and organizations making great contributions to the conservation of the state's wildlife and natural resources.

"I believe those who care about our natural resources and our wildlife are those who love Alabama the most," said Dr. Robert Bentley, governor of Alabama, in his remarks at the event.

In 2009, the depot, with the assistance of the Research, Development and Engineering Command Environmental Acquisition and Logistics Sustainment Program's Sustainable Painting Operations for the Total Army project, began a study to reduce hazardous air pollutants associated with its maintenance activities. This included the paint stripping processes, which have his-

torically been major air polluters.

Methylene chloride, a hazardous air pollutant, is a widely used chemical solvent historically used in paint stripping processes. An acid base paint stripper containing approximately 75 percent methylene chloride was used in the depot's paint stripping processes.

Study participants located three products capable of replacing the paint stripping compound and the chosen replacement completely eliminates the use of methylene chloride and has the additional benefit of lowering operational and maintenance costs.

"This particular project was very important because it shows the dedication not only of the Army, but also of management here to projects like this. It shows that they are dedicated to make changes," said Patty Dodson, an environmental engineer for the Directorate of Engineering and Quality.

Throughout 2011 and 2012, the depot invested \$750,000 to convert four vats to use the new chemical compound.

"We have to continue to improve our environmental footprint and make the process better for everyone involved," said Randy Bright, chief of the Directorate of Risk Management's Environmental Compliance Division.

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From METAL FINISHING, page 1



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Steve Loggins raises aluminum parts out of an alodine tank in the depot's Metal Finishing Branch. Alodine serves as a primer for aluminum parts being prepped for painting. This organization cleans and finishes most vehicle parts refurbished on the installation.

Once parts receive their metal finish, the machine shop removes any rough edges and readies the part for reinsertion in a vehicle or engine.

Because the job may require an employee to handle blast media and chemicals, Leach said respirators, aprons and face shields are required in certain areas.

They also receive additional training for the material.

"Because we handle so many chemicals, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act training is essential, as is guidance on proper disposal of hazardous wastes."

One recent project has helped to reduce the dangers in the metal finishing area.

In 2011, the depot began a change from NPX, an acid-based paint stripper containing approximately 75 percent methylene chloride, to a new product, Aqua Strip. This project was recently recognized by the Alabama Wildlife Federation for air conservation. A related story on the award can be found on page 2.



Photo by John Makamson

DJ Luallen paints chrome stop on a part to be chrome finished in the depot's Metal Finishing Branch. Chrome stop prevents the chrome from adhering to the part.

From AMC, page 1

"Ann has been and is today a soldier first...always leading by example," said Odierno.

Considered throughout her career as a trailblazer for women in the Army, Dunwoody was the first female four-star, assuming command of AMC in November 2008 and was the 17th commander in AMC's 50-year history.

During her tenure, Dunwoody oversaw the transition of AMC through the 2011 Base Realign and Closure from Fort Belvoir, Va., the Army-wide synchronization and integration of the Directorate of Logistics and the drawdown of equipment in Iraq, all while providing uninterrupted support to the warfighter.

After affectionately thanking her husband for his many years of support, Dunwoody took a moment to acknowledge the AMC workforce.

"To the 69,000 soldiers and civilians of Army Materiel Command you have made today and every single day of the last four years very special to me. I have watched you bear so much of our nation's burden over the last four years," said Dunwoody.

In 37 years, she has commanded at every level. As a senior leader, she com-

manded the 10th Division Support Command at Fort Drum, New York; the 1st Corps Support Command at Fort Bragg, N.C.; the Military Traffic Management Command/Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command in Alexandria, Va.; and the Combined Arms Support Command at Fort Lee, Va.

She reflected on her time at AMC and the organizations' impact on the Army.

"I've had the privilege to go to Iraq and Afghanistan many times and I got to meet with leaders one on one...and they all told me the same thing...they told me they never worried about logistics and I can't imagine a better compliment," said Dunwoody.

The change of command ceremony also ushered in the leadership of Gen. Dennis L. Via. Via is no stranger to AMC's daunting task of equipping the force, as he has served as the AMC deputy commanding general since May 2011.

Lt. Gen. Patricia E. McQuiston will serve as the new AMC Deputy commanding general. Gen. Dunwoody's retirement ceremony is scheduled for Aug. 15 in Washington, D.C.



Photo by Cherish Washington, AMC Public Affairs

Army Materiel Command changes leaders with the ceremonial passing of the guidon. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody receives the flag for the last time from Command Sergeant Major Ronald T. Riling, AMC command sergeant major, during the change-of-command ceremony, Aug. 7, 2012. Newly promoted Gen. Dennis L. Via assumed the role of commanding general of the AMC.



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

A large group of employees with more than 35 years of federal service gather for a photograph at the Physical Fitness Center.

Looking back at more than three decades of service

by Jennifer Bacchus

ANAD PAO

In 1977, the average home cost about \$49,000; the Atari 2600 was released, ushering in the era of home video gaming systems; and the first Apple II computers went on sale. The World Trade Center was completed that year and at the movies Star Wars IV: A New Hope and Rocky were box office knockouts.

Also in 1977, 67 individuals who currently work at Anniston Army Depot began their federal careers.

But, if you think that is impressive, it's nothing compared to the 100 individuals who come to work here every day who were already in their second, third or fifth year of service in 1977.

As of this month, there are 167 depot employees who have given at least 35 years of service to the federal government - roughly five percent of the total workforce. They range from supervisors and directors to small arms repairers and include The Morning Show's producer, Stan Bobo.

Some began their time in service with the military, while others spent their entire career in Anniston.

No matter how their time in service began, each of them has had an impact here.

Garry Pope and Brenda Jackson are two examples. Both have worked in many different areas of the depot during their career.

Pope began his 35-year career in missile guidance and fire control in the ammunition area before transferring into vehicle maintenance.

"I've worked on a lot of different vehicles and equipment," he said.

Pope now works as a capacity planner in the Directorate of Production Management. He said he's enjoyed working at the depot because of the sense of purpose it gives him.

"When you first take a job here, you don't always understand what you do to protect Soldiers' lives. Once you realize that, though, you want to make things better," he said. "I want to give back the best way I can."

Jackson, who works as a quality assurance specialist in the Directorate of Engineering and Quality, began her career of 36 years as a parts puller.

Through the years she has worked in a variety of buildings and in a number of roles. She said some simple advice can help those just beginning their career.

"Come to work on time and love what you are doing," said Jackson.

Tim Stewart was hired in February of 1974 as a mechanic. Throughout his

36 years on the installation, he has overhauled or rebuilt a number of vehicle platforms as he moved up the ranks to the position he holds now - division chief for the Tracked Systems Division.

Through all the roles he has had at ANAD, he is most proud of his time as supervisor of the Paladin/FAASV line in the Combat Vehicle Repair Facility.

"The reason I am so proud of this assembly line is the outstanding group

of leaders, planners, parts support and personnel we had and the dedication we were able to amass as a team to be successful," said Stewart. "We were given free rein to develop our own processes, set up the assembly lines as a one-piece flow pull system and we ended up winning the Shingo silver medallion and saving the Army over 200 hours per FAASV and over 120 hours per Paladin."



Photo by Mark Cleghorn

Eighteen employees have more than 40 years of service. Here, Lawrence Gable, Robert Nabors, Paul Bonds, Bruce Windom, Charlie Brady and Charles Word reminisce about the way the depot was when their careers began.



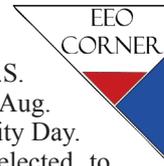
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What is Women's Equality Day? 5

from Eunice Polk
 ANAD EEO Office



In 1971, at the behest of Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY), the U.S. Congress designated Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day.

That date was selected to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. This was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women, which had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention, in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

The observance of Women's Equality Day also calls attention to the continuing efforts toward full equality.

Following is the Joint Resolution of Congress, 1971, designating Aug. 26 of each year as Women's Equality Day:

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have been treated as second-class citizens and have not been entitled the full rights and privileges, public or private, legal or institutional, which are available to male citizens of the United States; and WHEREAS, the women of the United States have united to assure that these rights and privileges are available to all citizens equally regardless of sex; and WHEREAS, the women of the United States have designated August 26, the anniversary date of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, as symbol of the continued fight for equal rights; and WHEREAS, the women of United States are to be commended and supported in their organizations and activities, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that August 26th of each year is designated as Women's Equality Day, and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation annually in commemoration of that day in 1920, on which the women of America were first given the right to vote, and that day in 1970, on which a nationwide demonstration for women's rights took place.

Source: www.nwhp.org/resource/center/equalityday.php

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Lindsay wins archery tournament

Chase Lindsay won the 14 and under State Alabama Recreation and Parks Association archery tournament Aug. 11 in Dothan, Ala.

Chase, an eighth grader at Sardis High School, won the tournament shooting a Mathews Genesis bare bow.

He is the son of Alan Lindsay (DOIM).

Pre-retirement seminars

The depot's Training Office is offering pre-retirement seminars for those with five years or less before retirement.

Civil Service Retirement System employees may attend Aug. 27.

Federal Employees Retirement System employees may attend Aug. 28-30.

All seminars will be held in the auditorium of Bldg. 123 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If you are interested in attending, contact your training coordinator for additional information.

Morning Show Rebroadcasts

Watch The Morning Show! It airs live each Wednesday at 7:05 a.m. on Local Area Network channel 21.

If you are unable to catch the live broadcast, there are two ways you can tune in. Computer users can view it on IPTV or it can be seen on LAN channel 21 during these rebroadcast times:

Wednesday: 10:30 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m. and midnight (Wed. night/Thurs. morning)

Thursday/Friday/Monday: noon and 11 p.m.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

Blood drive scheduled Aug. 31

The schedule below has been established for depot organizations, as indicated, to report to the Physical Fitness Center, Bldg. 206, and DeSoto Pastime Club, Bldg. 1530, May 25 and 26 for the purpose of donating blood. Blood Drives are conducted in accordance with Article 15, Section 5, of the Negotiated Agreement between Anniston Army Depot and AFGE Local 1945.

If you are deferred from donating blood while in the health history booth, you should return to work or take leave. Donors will be required to show personal identification before donating. Drivers license or depot badge are acceptable.

First shift donations will be accepted from 7 a.m. to noon.

7 a.m.	DP - Weapons Sys.	DPC
	DP - Turbine Dr. Train	PFC
	DP - Manufacturing	PFC
	DP - Support Equip.	DPC

8 a.m.	DP - Reciprocating	PFC
	DP - Clean/Finish/Paint	PFC
	DP - Tracked Systems	PFC
	DP - Transmission Sys.	PFC

9 a.m.	TMDE	DPC
	ADMC	DPC
	DDAA	PFC
	DRM	DPC
	ANCA	PFC
	DES	PFC
	Contracting	DPC
	Command Staff	DPC
	DOIM	DPC

10 a.m.	DPM	PFC
	DMM	DPC
	DPW	PFC
	DEQ	PFC
	DRM	DPC
	DCFA	DPC



American Red Cross

Second shift donations will be accepted from 12:30 to 3:30 a.m. (Saturday morning) at the Physical Fitness Center, Bldg. 206.

12:30 a.m.	DP - Turbine Dr. Train
	DP - Tracked Systems
	DP - Manufacturing
	DP - Reciprocating
	DP - Clean/Finish/Paint
	DP - Weapons Sys.

Depot bids farewell to 32nd commander

Anniston Army Depot's workforce celebrated the two-year tour of Col. Timothy Sullivan and wished him well in his retirement during a luncheon Aug. 8.

A crowd gathered at the Berman-Varner House to reminisce over Sullivan's time at the installation.

Sullivan said during his tenure he has been impressed not only with the dedication of the community to the installation, but also the workforce's love for those in the surrounding area.

"What makes it extra special is that you guys and gals and the workforce here at Anniston Army Depot love back," said Sullivan. "Whether it's donating blood or contributing \$382,984 to CFC...that's why you guys are great."



mwr happenings

New hours for Skills Development Center

The Skills Development Center will alter its operating hours beginning Aug. 20. The center will no longer be open Saturday mornings. Any equipment rented after noon on Thursday of each week and not returned until Monday must be assessed at the weekend rental rate. Equipment may not be picked-up or returned when the facility is closed. For an updated equipment price list, contact the center at 256-235-6768.

Skills Development Center Hours of Operation, effective Aug. 20:

Monday: 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Tuesday: closed for maintenance

Wednesday: 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Thursday: 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Summer softball season ends

Five teams participated in MWR's Summer Softball League: Bloodline, General Dynamics, Lights Out, Milestone and The Terminators.

Nearly all the teams were within a few wins of each other throughout the regular season. Milestone, managed by Dennis Sexton (ADMC), was able to maintain a slight lead over the other teams, only losing one game during the regular season to General Dynamics, they were seated first in the league's double elimination tournament.

In the end, Milestone and Lights Out, managed by Douglas Robertson (DP), battled for the title. In a close contest, Lights Out came out on top.

MWR thanks everyone for participating and encourages players to complete a DCFA MWR Outdoor Recreation, Skills Development, and Intramural Sports ICE survey at <http://ice.disa.mil>. MWR will host men's and coed tournaments throughout the fall. For more information about softball or intramural sports call 256-235-6768.

Exceptional family members with special needs

"Special Needs" is an umbrella underneath which a staggering array of diagnoses can be wedged. Children with special needs may have mild learning disabilities or profound mental retardation; food allergies or terminal illness; developmental delays that catch up quickly or remain entrenched; occasional panic attacks or serious psychiatric problems. The designation is useful for getting needed services, setting appropriate goals, and gaining understanding for a child and stressed family.

"Special needs" are commonly defined by what a child can't do -- by milestones unmet, foods banned, activities avoided, experiences denied. These minuses hit families hard, and may make "special needs" seem like a tragic designation. Some parents will mourn their child's lost potential, and many conditions become more trou-

bling with time. Other families may find that their child's challenges make triumphs sweeter, and that weaknesses are often accompanied by amazing strengths.

Although every special-needs child is different and every family is unique, there are some common concerns that link parents of challenged kids, including getting appropriate care and accommodations; promoting acceptance in the extended family, school and community; planning for an uncertain future; and adjusting routines and expectations. Parents of children with special needs are often more flexible, compassionate and resilient than other parents. They have to be to ensure the success of their special needs child.

Please contact Anniston Army Depot's Exceptional Family Member Program Manager at 256-235-7971 for more information on EFMP enrollment procedures for Soldiers and family members with special needs.

CYSS accepting applications

The Anniston Army Depot Child Youth and School Services is accepting applications for Before and After School Care for the 2012-2013 School Year. CYS Services currently transports children to and from the following locations: Coldwater Elementary School, DeArmanville Elementary School, Oxford Middle School, Oxford Elementary School, Saks Elementary School and Wellborn Elementary. For More information please contact CYS Services at 256-235-7654.

Army Family Team Building

Anniston Army Depot's Army Family Team Building program offers a variety of free classes for anyone in the military community. These classes are designed to promote self-sufficiency and self-reliance. The classes currently scheduled are:

- Managing Group Conflict - Leader Assisted Problem Solving/Managing Group Conflict (Solution Focused Conflict Resolution Training)

When: Sept. 5 from 5-8 p.m.

Deadline to register: Aug. 30

- Change Can Be Good - Time to De-Stress - Acknowledging Change/Stress Management

When: Sept. 19 from 5-8 p.m.

Deadline to register: Sept. 12

Classes are limited to the first 12 student who apply. Pre-registration is mandatory for all AFTB classes. All classes will be held at the Army Community Service Facility in Bldg. 221.

Volunteer opportunities also exist within AFTB as administrative assistants and instructors. No prior experience is needed and all training will be provided. These are excellent positions to explore career fields, gain valuable skills, meet people and network. To find out more information about AFTB, volunteer positions or to register for classes, contact Amanda Mullinax at 256-235-7231 or via e-mail at amanda.c.mullinax.civ@mail.mil.

Army Family Action Plan Conference

by Amanda Mullinax, ACS

The Annual Army Family Action Plan Conference is just around the corner. This year's conference is scheduled for Oct. 23.

If you would like more information on the AFAP process, read further--what follows is just enough information to get you excited about the 2012 conference.

AFAP, by definition, is a mechanism by which grass roots input on our Army installations from community participants is gathered and sent forward to Army leadership.

It's a process that lets Soldiers (both active duty and retired), Families and DoD civilians say what's working and what isn't while making suggestions on how to fix what is broken.

There are six tried and true benefits of the AFAP process to military communities: Alerts commanders and Army leaders to areas of concern that need their attention and gives them the opportunity to quickly put plans into place to work toward resolving the issues; Gives commanders a gauge to validate concerns and measure satisfaction; Enhances Army's corporate image, Helps retain the best and brightest; Results in legislation, policies, programs and services that strengthen readiness and retention; and Safeguards well-being.

AFAP facts:

AFAP was the brainchild of Army spouses.

Each AFAP success story originated as an idea that someone decided to pursue.

The Army is the only branch of DoD that has such a program.

Many AFAP improvements impact quality of life for all services.

Getting involved:

Army Community Service will solicit your ideas and your participation. ACS is looking for Facilitation Team volunteers - delegates, facilitators, recorders and subject matter experts in a vast array of subject areas.

The Facilitation Teams have the important task of identifying and developing issues to be presented to leadership which will improve the quality of life for Anniston Army Depot and the Department of the Army. If you are interested in participating in the conference, call ACS at Ext. 7445.

Submitting an issue:

Look for the yellow "ammo" boxes. They are located in the following areas: Physical Fitness Center (main gate), Child Development Center, Skills Development Center, DeSoto Pastime Center, Nichols Cardio Center in the production area, ASAP Employee Assistance in the production area, West Station Diner and the Nichols Dining Facility.

Boxes will be picked up Oct. 4.

Getting information:

For more information, watch for future articles, view The Morning Show or look on the Intranet and the LAN. You can also call ACS at Ext. 7445 if you have any questions or would like more information.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to share your concerns and ideas/suggestions for assuring that the quality of life of our soldiers and civilians is the best it can be. They all make a difference!

RCRA/EMS Tip of the Week

Did you know?

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, which was enacted in 1976, is the principal federal law governing the disposal of solid waste and hazardous waste.

RCRA handles many regulatory functions of hazardous and non-hazardous waste. Its most notable provisions in the Subtitle C program tracks the progress of hazardous wastes from their point of generation, their transport and their treatment and/or disposal.

This “cradle to the grave” system implements extensive tracking elements at all points of the life of the hazardous waste – including stringent bookkeeping and reporting requirements on generators, transporters and operators of treatment, storage and disposal facilities handling hazardous waste.

That means us!

One of our biggest issues: keeping hazardous waste containers RCRA closed, especially aerosol containers. RCRA closed means the container is closed except when adding or removing waste, in such a way that prevents fumes from escaping or spillage if tipped over.

Avoid a violation:

Sweep up blast media during scheduled times and don't forget to document it.

Keep all drums RCRA closed unless you are adding or removing waste.

Take a little extra time to be sure all aerosol drums are RCRA closed when adding empty cans.

If you see a RCRA related issue, report it to your supervisor or call Ext. 7470.

Energy demands are hot topic

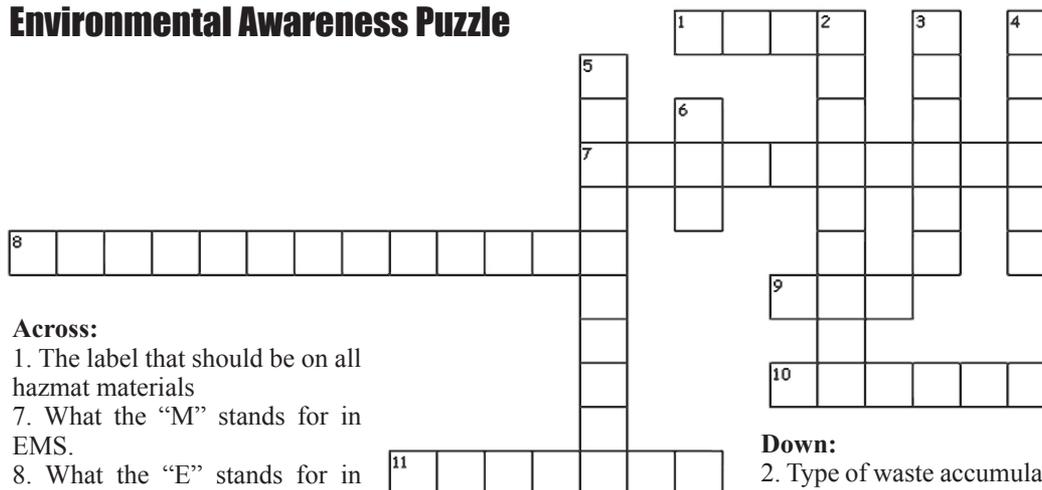
World electricity demand is expected to double between 2000 and 2030. The greatest increase will occur in the developing world and the most rapid growth will occur in people's homes.



The leading cause of industrial air pollution in the United States, electricity production is responsible for 40 percent of the nation's carbon emissions, contributing to global climate change.

Lighting alone consumes up to

Environmental Awareness Puzzle



Across:

- The label that should be on all hazmat materials
- What the “M” stands for in EMS.
- What the “E” stands for in EMS.
- A full drum has waste this many inches from the top of the drum.
- Roll off boxes labeled as “empty” must have this done before use.
- Hazardous waste the EPA has determined to be dangerous, even in very small amounts.

Down:

- Type of waste accumulation area that can be no more than 10 feet from the point of generation.
- Number of days that more than 55 gallons of waste can accumulate at these specific sites.
- What the “S” stands for in EMS.
- Division of the environmental office that you would contact if you begin to generate a new waste.
- A “RCRA” empty container can only have this many inches of residue in the bottom of the container.

34 percent of electricity in the United States. Many idle electronics are big, sneaky consumers of electricity. TVs, VCRs, DVD players, CD players, cordless phones and microwaves use energy even when switched off to keep display clocks lit, memory chips and remote controls working. Nationally, these energy “vampires” use five percent of our domestic energy and cost consumers more than \$8 billion annually.

How you can help in the office:

- Use the ENERGY STAR power management settings on your computer and monitor so they go into power save mode when not in use.
- Use a power strip as a central “turn off” point when you are using equipment such as printers to completely disconnect the power supply.
- Unplug electronics, such as cell phones and laptops, once they are charged. Adapters plugged into outlets use energy even if they are not charging.
- Keep microwaves and coffee pots unplugged when not in use.
- Keep lights off in rooms not in use where it is safe to do so.
- If your office has ample natural lighting, turn off some of the lights during the day and enjoy the natural light.

- In the summer, set your office thermostats to 78 when you come in, but set it higher in the evenings or weekends when no one is around. During the winter, try 68 during the day and a lower temperature at night or on the weekends.

Bird Habitat Competition

The Directorate of Risk Management and the depot's Morale, Welfare and Recreation division have partnered for the third annual Bird Habitat Competition, which began June 5 in honor of World Environmental Day. This competition is an opportunity for the depot to work with the community to enhance the education of local children through the donations to “outdoor classrooms.”



To participate, simply make a bird house or feeder. As always, you may use MWR's woodworking shop in building 74 on your own time or you may work on your donation from home. All donations must be turned in at building 74

by Oct. 1 and will be presented to local schools' outdoor classrooms in honor of World Wildlife Week.

All entries will be judged and winners of the competition will be announced on Community Appreciation Day in October. Be sure to secure a piece of paper with your name, contact number and building number on each entry. For more information regarding this contest, you may call Lori Thomas at Ext. 5432.

Annual Shop Compliance Competition

Strive for the excellence award in environmental compliance. Remember, every industrial-based shop is competing. Winners are assessed based on good compliance noted during any audit or inspection throughout the year.

This includes all weekly or surprise inspections done by DRK's Environmental Inspectors. Any compliance violation noted will count against that shop for that year's competition.

The winning shop at the end of the year will be determined based on fewest noncompliance violations/findings. Good Luck to everyone! For more information, call Ext. 5432 or go to the Environmental Awareness Site on DRK's SharePoint Page.