

2008 Presented Challenges and Recognition

2008 was the year of employee recognition, pollution prevention, Propellant and Material Out of Place, and audit challenges. Employees from seven departments/operating areas were recognized along with nine individuals. Here are some of the Environmental Highlights from 2008.

January

- The NAC/SAC was repaired to correct the flow of acidic water from escaping the building.

February

- RFAAP began a new CINTAS recycling program.

Right: Clinton Gravley (Fourth Rolled Powder) recycled paper at CINTAS collection box.



March

- The Environmental Department announced that freeze protection water use was down.
- The Main Lab celebrated its first "Round the Building Spruce Up", followed with parties which was a huge success (see photo below).



April

- About 25 volunteers from ATK and the ACO participated in the statewide Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) spring litter pick-up, a part of VDOT's Adopt-a-Highway program.

May

- ATK management began monthly area walk-throughs to improve operations and increase environmental awareness.

June

- RFAAP Commander LTC (P) Jon Drushal, Rob Davie (ACO), and Phil Lockard (Environmental Department) joined about 20 rafters in a float trip along the New River through RFAAP.

June (continued)

- CORRPRO, contractor for the Army's Joint Munitions Command (JMC) provided EMS training to RFAAP's Cross Functional Team (CFT).



RFAAP's CFT: (front row, left to right) Shelley Tarbutton, Matt Alberts, Jeremy Flint, Sally Gaines (CORRPRO), and Kelly Cahalan (CORRPRO); (back row, left to right) Dean Long, Brian Sowers, Phil Lockard, Elizabeth Campbell, Sunni Dunford, Matt Reinhardt, Daniel Facemire, John Surface, Jim Adams, and Ted Aris (CORRPRO).

July

- During the plant shutdown, it was rumored that a 9-foot snake was found in the Fourth Rolled Powder Area, weighing about 100 pounds.
- Propellant out of place (POP) (NC, propellant, ingredients) and material out-of-place (trash, food wrappings, drink and tobacco containers), and excess equipment on the ground or in the wrong place was cleaned up.



August



David Lineberry (Green Lines) is shown cleaning up POP near the Ingredient Storehouse, Building 3558 on August 14, 2008. Great job!

September

- Forty-five RFAAP employees attended the Annual Resource Conservation and Recovery Act/U.S. DOT eight-hour update training (see photo).
- Procedure 4-A-111, General Safety Rules for Preparing Waste Explosives, was revised to address POP.



October

- The JMC ISO 14001 10 day audit was finished —RFAAP is making progress.

November



Reminder—Use the right amount of freeze protection water.

December

The final EMS internal audit of 2008 was conducted at the plant hospital. They pass with flying colors!

Left to right: Environmental's Nichole Herschler, Shelley Tarbutton, and Phil Lockard discuss the plant's EMS with Sallye Anderson (Plant Hospital).



And the winners were ...

Thanks to everyone who entered the Eyes Puzzle contests in 2008!



January – Bea Ann Porterfield (Accounting)



February – Glenna Garlick (Green Lines)



March – Reva Bowman (Green Lines)



April – Calvin Smith (Roads and Grounds)



May – Calvin Conley (Incinerator)



June – Melvin Werner (NC)



July – Wanda Jones (Incinerator/Burning Ground)



August – Brenda Aker (NC)



September – Tony Patterson (Laboratory)



October – Shirley Trout (NC)



November – Connie Clark (NC)



December – Charlene Yancey (Quality Control)

Legends and Myths

The Internet is full of legends and myths ranging from politics to images of a dog as tall as a horse. Some of these photos can lead us to believe almost anything. When the snake photo circulated the Internet last summer, many thought it was a photo taken at RFAAP. According to snopes.com, it wasn't. "We don't know the particulars of this photograph's origins, but it looks to be another case of a genuine image accompanied by some possibly inaccurate or exaggerated information. Because the snake is being held closer to the camera lens than the man holding it, the snake appears larger than it really is. Even a nine-foot rattler is unlikely to weight anywhere close to 100 pounds, unless it had just eaten a large animal." Most importantly the myth (and the bullet from July on page 1) of the snake had nothing to do with RFAAP or the Rolled Powder Area, but we'll bet it got your attention.

Environmental Department Contacts: The Environmental on Call Cell Phone (24 hours a day) number is 230-8970. For environmental questions, contact the following environmental department personnel:

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Nichole Herschler (8766)
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Lou Martin (7514)
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Environmental Questions? Check out the *Ask Kent* section on the ATK/RFAAP intranet.

Eyes on the Environment is an employee newsletter aimed at communicating employee issues and raising awareness of environmental issues and requirements. The newsletter presents basic topics that are critical to protection of our environment, our public health and safety, and the success of our business.

Please use the contents of this newsletter for 5 minute safety meetings.

And the winner is...

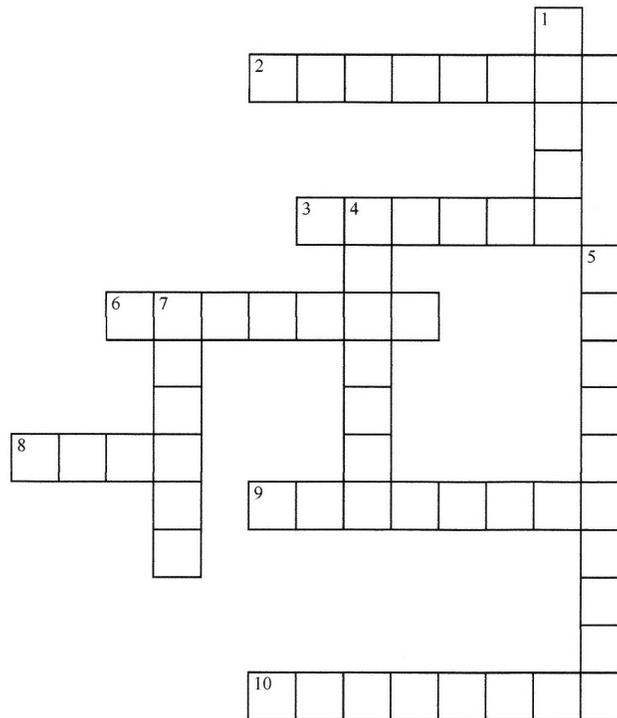
The Environmental Department randomly selected **Charlene Yancey's (Quality Control)** correct entry as the winner in the last puzzle contest. The Environmental Department presented Charlene with a **\$30 Wal Mart gift card**. Thanks to everyone who entered!



Charlene Yancey

Environmental Crossword Puzzle

Solve the environmental crossword puzzle and enter it in an Environmental Department drawing. One winner will be randomly selected from all correct entries to receive a **\$30 Wal Mart gift card** from the Environmental Department. The puzzle contest is open to all those who work at RFAAP. **Limit one entry per person.**



ACROSS

2. CORRPRO, contractor for the Army's Joint Munitions Command (JMC) provided EMS _____ to RFAAP's Cross Functional Team (CFT).
3. Forty-five RFAAP employees attended the Annual Resource Conservation and Recovery Act/U.S. DOT eight-hour _____ training.
6. RFAAP Commander LTC (P) Jon Drushal, Rob Davie (ACO), and Phil Lockard (Environmental Department) joined about 20 _____ in a float trip.
8. Material out-of-place includes trash, consumable/_____ wrappings, drink/tobacco containers), and excess equipment on the ground or in the wrong place.
9. The Plant _____ was final EMS internal audit of 2008.
10. Some _____ photos can lead us to believe almost anything.

DOWN

1. Most importantly, the myth of the _____ had nothing to do with RFAAP or the Rolled Powder Area.
4. The Main Lab celebrated its first "Round the Building Spruce Up" and _____ in March.
5. Propellant out of place (POP) includes NC, _____, and ingredients.
7. NAC/SAC was repaired to correct the flow of _____ water from escaping the building.

Send this page to **Jeremy Flint, Environmental Department, Building 220**. Entries must be received by February 4, 2009. The winner will be announced in the next *Eyes on the Environment*.

Name: _____

Area/Department: _____ Badge number: _____

Email (if available): _____ Phone: _____