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**Subject:** Minutes of the Environmental Management System Committee Meeting  
**To:** ARS Tifton Location Employees  
**From:** Tamara Snipes, Chemist/EMS Coordinator

The EMS committee met on June 13, 2012 at 11:00 AM in the SEWRU large conference room. T. Snipes, R. Scarborough, T. Maze, R. Hornbuckle, and K. Marchant were the committee members in attendance.

The EMS policy statement, manual, and aspects/impacts have not been reviewed for this fiscal year. These documents will be sent to each committee member to review. Committee members will respond with their comments by email which will serve as proof that the documents have been reviewed.

New recycling bins were ordered and delivered to the SEWRU Annex. The additional bins were requested for plastics and for sorting colored glass. We are currently recycling clear and brown glass.

Tracking energy consumption of our federal facilities is a goal for FY12. K. Marchant will compile data over a three year period; 2009, 2010, and 2011. Even though energy costs continue to rise, we hope to see a reduction in the amount of energy used.

The next edition of the EMS newsletter is due this summer.

There was a universal waste shipment on May 16, 2012.

The oil filters in the CPMRU recycling building need disposal. This has been discussed several times over the past few years. Since the filters have been in there for several years and all the oil has been drained from them, it was suggested that they be put in the roll away dumpster for metal recycling. R. Scarborough will look into this matter further.

The next meeting of the Location EMS Committee will be tentatively scheduled for September 2012.

