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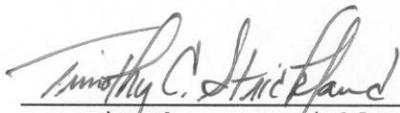
December 8, 2005

Subject: EMS Goal for FY06
To: Dr. Timothy C. Strickland, Location Coordinator
From: Tamara Snipes, Chemist/EMS Coordinator

In order to comply with EMS Guidelines set forth by the Area Office and EO 13148, we are required to address the ARS Self-Declaration Checklist. Section two of the checklist, Developing Annual Goals, Objectives, and Targets to Advance Our Program Performance in Terms of Both Regulated and Unregulated Impacts, requires that we prioritize our FY06 EMS goals, set a date for completion, and have the goals approved and endorsed by the highest senior management official within the organizational unit. Tifton's EMS FY06 goals have been prioritized and are listed below. The proposed completion date follows each goal.

TIFTON LOCATION EMS GOALS FOR FY06

- o Implement EMS - 12/31/05
- o Train all employees on EMS - 12/31/05
- o Standardize solid waste recycling procedures for all USDA facilities - 9/30/06
- o Complete Pesticide Operating Procedure that applies to field research - 9/30/06
- o Document Hazardous Waste procedures and develop baseline data based on disposal in recent years - 9/30/06
- o Document Universal Waste procedures and start tracking shipments - 9/30/06
- o Develop EMS Coding System for tracking EMS related purchases in CATS - 9/30/06



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Subject: EMS Significant Aspects and Targets for FY06
Addendum to EMS Goals for FY06 letter, December 8, 2005

From: Tamara Snipes, Chemist/EMS Coordinator

Tamara Snipes

Through the Environmental Management Review (EMR) process, conducted on April 13-14, we learned of several ways in which to improve our EMS program. One such suggestion was to link our Targets (formerly referred to as Goals) to the Significant Aspects chosen for the year. The Significant Aspects and Targets for FY06 are listed below. Tifton's EMS FY06 targets have been prioritized and a proposed completion date follows each goal. This is intended to help make a connection between aspects chosen for improvement and the programs linked to those improvements. As a result of the EMR, the format used for reporting this information will likely change for FY07. Please feel free to contact me at 229-387-2344 if you have comments or questions.

TIFTON LOCATION EMS SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS FOR FY06

- o Purchasing of Hazardous Chemicals
- o Application of Hazardous Chemicals
- o Generation of Waste (Hazardous, Universal, and Solid)

TIFTON LOCATION EMS TARGETS FOR FY06

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