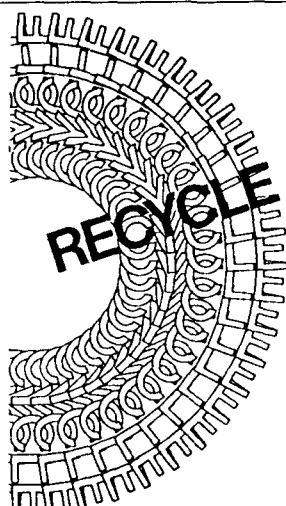




# Recycling Update



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## MEMO TO ALL EPA EMPLOYEES

In our last issue we highlighted the testing of recycled copier paper at headquarters. I am pleased to announce that GSA has on schedule a contract for recycled copier paper. Please refer to page 3 for the details.

Also mentioned in the last edition was EPA's work to define the terms "recyclable", "recycled content" and "bio-degradable." A national labeling conference will be hosted by EPA in the near future. For more information contact the EPA Region 3 Public Affairs Office on FTS-597-9280.

In April we will be celebrating National Recycling Month as well as the 21st Anniversary of Earth Day. We kicked things off early here at headquarters with a commemoration of the 4th Anniversary of the Garbage Barge. A folksinging group from Yale University, Tangled Up In Blue, helped us observe this day in style.

This is a great time to educate our offices about recycling. Please let us know what activities are planned, so we may share them with the other regions and labs.

Keep Recycling!!

Gail Miller Wray  
EPA Recycling Coordinator



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## CINCINNATI'S "RECYCLEFEST"

The Andrew W. Breidenbach Research Center in Cincinnati was proud this year to participate for the first time in a Christmas tree recycling program. The center served as one of seven sites designated by the local park district for Christmas tree drop-off. The trees were fed on the spot through a mulching machine set up in front of the building and the mulch was made available for donors to take home. A total of 5000 trees were recycled, with 509 brought to the center by employees and area residents. We hope this will be the first of many years in which we can be of such service.

EPA-Cincinnati's Recyclefest, held October 25, 1990, was a success. About 325 employees attended and were treated to exhibits, literature, videos, a guessing game and even Woodsy the Owl and Pandy Pollution. The child care center sold more than

150 T-shirts and sweatshirts imprinted with the words "EPA Recycles". Each employee received a letter opener and a paper clip dispenser both inscribed with reminders to recycle.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

**Americans go through 2.5  
million plastic bottles every  
hour**

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## DULUTH LAB

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Recycling at the Environmental Research Laboratory in Duluth was initiated in the fall of 1988 by John Brazner, an EPA biologist with firmly rooted environmental beliefs. With the help of a handful of volunteers, John labeled several 55-gallon barrels with the words "aluminum", "brown glass", "green glass", and "clear glass". From this beginning a major in-house recycl-

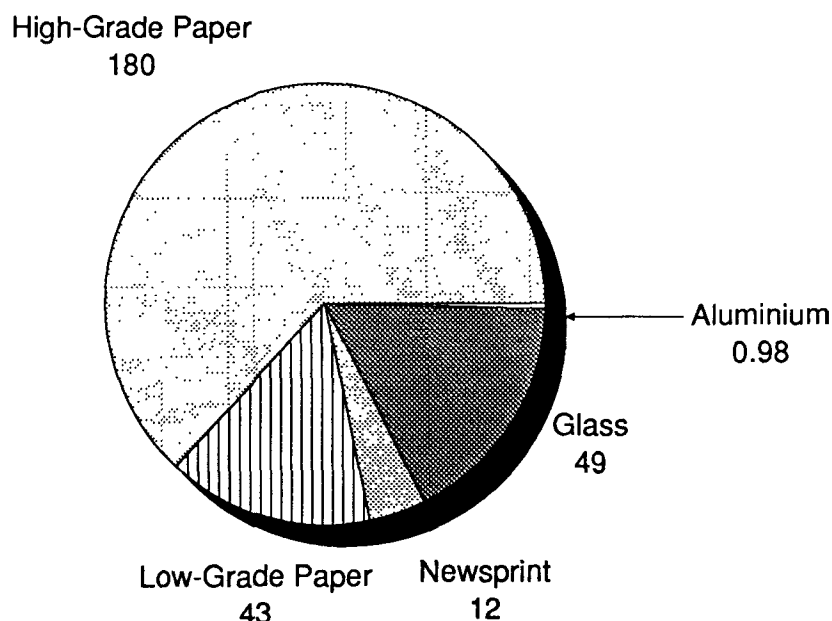
ing program has evolved, which to date has diverted over 16 tons of material from the waste stream.

Participation has grown steadily, and the volunteer list now includes over 30 people involved in crushing glass, hauling barrels to the recycler, and transporting paper bins to the loading dock on pick-up day. Proceeds from materials like aluminum and glass have gone to the Wellness Center, an ERL-D grounds improvement program, and helping to maintain the lab's portion of a community hiking trail.

Currently the program handles all colors of glass, aluminum, white office paper, and tin food cans. As markets for recyclables become more stable, the program may include cardboard, newspaper and plastics.

## HEADQUARTERS RECYCLING

### Fiscal Year To Date/By Tons



## CORVALLIS, OREGON

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The USEPA Environmental Research Laboratory-Corvallis Oregon Waste reduction/recycling Committee began work in December 1989 to spark a lagging recycling effort. The increased effort has seen Corvallis become a model for proper procedures for recycling. Other businesses in the area are instructed by Corvallis Disposal to visit our recycling workstations to see an effort that is working. We have documented a 60% increase in our recycling.

In the past year, the Committee has:

- Set up Recycling Workstations in each building with separate bins for white paper, colored paper, newspaper and computer paper.
- Worked closely with Corvallis Disposal to set up training sessions to share information on what can and cannot be recycled. This led to a lab-wide "teach-in" on April 20, 1990.
- Added magazines, styrofoam chips and telephone books to the list of recyclable materials.
- Recommended the ERL-C Laboratory Improvement Award for Alisa Gallant for her work in setting up the paper recycling efforts.
- Purchased a display rack for the library to display literature on recycling.
- Included recycling information in the weekly report as part of a continuing effort to increase staff awareness.
- Encouraged the printing of seminar notices on half pages and conducted a copy center demonstration on how to reduce copying waste.

## KEEP THE STORIES COMING

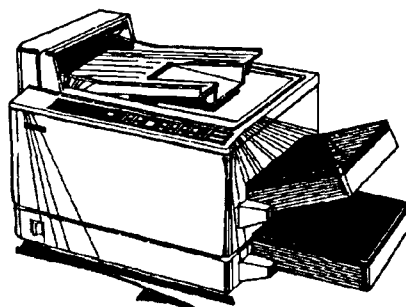
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Thank you to M. Kate Smith and Walt Feige of Cincinnati, Jeff Denny of Duluth, and Corvallis for submitting the stories on pages 2 & 3. Who wants to be next?? If you would like to submit an article concerning your EPA recycle program please contact R. Hockman on FTS-382-6980 or E-Mail EPA30685.

## RECYCLED COPIER PAPER THROUGH GSA

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A six month limited-quantity contract for recycled paper has been initiated by GSA. Beginning March 1, 1991, this contract will provide coverage of continental US and limited coverage for Hawaii and Alaska. Paper sizes which may be ordered include 8 1/2 x 11 and 8 1/2 x 14. For more information contact Madeline Coleman of GSA on FTS-264-2697.



## REGIONAL RECYCLING QUESTIONNAIRE

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The HQ Recycling Office would like to thank all of our regional offices and labs for completing the Regional Recycling and Waste Reduction Questionnaire. A report will be forthcoming.

## FEDERAL AGENCY RECYCLING CONFERENCE II

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OARM and OSWER, along with GSA, will host D. C. area facilities and procurement managers at the Federal Agency Recycling Conference II. The conference, to be held in mid-June, will be a follow-up to the December Conference was aimed at to upper-level agency management [see December Recycling Update]. The comprehensive program focus will include: education, marketing, procurement, monitoring and evaluation.

## LASER TONER CARTRIDGES

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In the August edition of the Recycling Update, we reported on a waste reduction measure involving remanufacturing laser toner cartridges. On the GSA New Item Introductory Schedule (NIIS) are listed eight possible vendors offering this service. For more information contact the GSA Contracting Office: M. Cunningham (703-557-5240), S. White (703-557-7532), or M. Cole (703-557-8392) or for technical information: Bill Daugherty (703-557-9434).

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### DID YOU KNOW?

**Every two weeks Americans throw away enough glass bottles to fill the 1350 foot Twin Towers of the New York World Trade Center**

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## OFFICE REDUCTION IDEAS

- Turn office scrap into scratch pads (ask production department to do this)
- Recycle your laser toner cartridges
- Cut down on paper for memos by using routing slips
- Ask vendors to minimize unnecessary packaging
- Reduce use of facsimile machine (or purchase recyclable fax paper)



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## THE EAGLE LANDED — NEW HQ SUPPORT STAFF

Eagle Maintenance Services (EMS) came on-board at EPA-HQ in early January. EMS now collects high grade, low grade and beverage containers from designated EPA-HQ buildings. For collection services please call: 382-6389.

## NATIONAL RECYCLING MONTH—APRIL

To help celebrate National Recycling Month, the HQ Recycling Office and the EPA Recycling Committee will erect displays within Waterside Mall and posters in the East and West Tower bulletin boards. The displays will emphasize our HQ collection program: sorting procedures, contaminants and EPA procurement of recycled products.

## BRONZE MEDAL TO EPA RECYCLE COMMITTEE



In February dedicated members of the EPA Recycling Workgroup/Committee were presented with Bronze Awards for Commendable Service by Charlie Grizzle, AA for OARM. Mr. Grizzle presented the awards to these volunteers who designed and oversaw the implementation of the EPA-HQ expanded recycle program. Honorees were: Bob Kelly, Gail Wray, Rebecca Hockman, Charlie Garlow, Elaine Suriano, Gail Robarge, Jim Nelson, Betsy Tam, Stuart Miles-McLean, Tim Crawford, Randy Bacon and David Hindin. Congratulations to these individuals and thank you!!

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