Description of Site
The 126th Air Refueling Wing, Illinois Air National Guard, is located on approximately 133 acres of Scott Air Force Base, near Belleville, Illinois. Scott AFB is located approximately 20 miles east of St. Louis, Missouri. Our site includes over 18 facilities, making up over 300,000 square feet of indoor work space. The 126th is a tenant unit at Scott, so many environmental issues, such as contact with the public, are handled by our host. The 126th ARW operates KC-135 aircraft.

We are responsible for our own Hazardous Waste (RCRA) Management program, although our hazardous waste is disposed of via the base 90-day site. We are a major player in the base Hazardous Material Management program. We manage our own Storm Water Pollution Prevention program. We have our own appendices to the base SPCC and HAZMAT plans. Since we do not participate in the base Qualified Recycling Program, we run our own recycling program.

Achievements in 2001
- Established a recycling program for paper and metal cans
- Established connectivity between our (tenant) LAN and host LAN, to enable hazardous material management via EMIS (the database used by the base HAZMART)
- Accomplished a P2 Opportunity Assessment by WMRC
- Published Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
- Published “public” intranet web site, to enable wing personnel to quickly and easily access environmental information, plans and documents
- Hosted EMIS user training for approximately 25 students from various installations in the region
- Hosted Mid-Level Manager Training for approximately 22 students from the wing and region
- Conducted RCRA training for approximately 150 wing personnel
- Purchased equipment and materials to improve handling of engine wash water runoff during engine wash process, reducing labor required and minimizing chances of heavy-metal pollution of sanitary sewer water.
Environmental Goals
The 126th ARW moved to Scott AFB from O'Hare International Airport (Chicago) in July of 1999. The impact of the unit relocation on the 126th Environmental Management Office was immense, in part because all new environmental plans had to be written. We are still writing or revising a few of the plans we need.

Our 2002 goals are:
- Complete required environmental plans, including Solid Waste Management Plan, Affirmative Procurement Plan, and Storage Tank Management Plan
- Fully implement our new Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
- Maximize P2 opportunities
- Expand recycling program to include cardboard and plastic.
- Take advantage of new, cleaner, technologies in industrial processes whenever possible
- Improve metrics involving solid waste, recyclables, and hazardous waste.
- Implement EMIS Haz Waste module to automate tracking of haz waste turn-ins

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