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Its easy being green – NGA highlights green efforts for Earth Day 2012

SPRINGFIELD, Va. – The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and its employees are doing their part to conserve energy and reduce its impact on the environment, and lower costs through its sustainability efforts.

NGA has recycled more 45 tons of paper that are turned into paper pulp by a newly installed disintegrator, and sold to make tissue paper, generating more than \$2,700 for the NGA Civilian Welfare Fund.

NGA has also taken steps to reduce portable water consumption by collecting and reusing irrigated rain water stored in the lined reflecting pond.

“Promoting energy conservation and preserving the environment is the responsibility of every American,” said NGA Director Letitia A. Long. “We are committed to being good stewards of the environment and saving taxpayer dollars.

Last August, NGA was presented the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold certification award for its new “green” headquarters design and standards. LEED, overseen by the U.S. Green Building Council, recognizes excellence in building design and construction that improve energy savings, create water efficiency, reduce carbon dioxide emissions, improve indoor environmental quality and provide stewardship of resources.

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