



# Project Summary

As part of its Waste Reduction Evaluation at Federal Sites (WREAFS) Program, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) National Risk Management Research Laboratory (NRMRL) worked cooperatively with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to integrate waste prevention and recycling activities into the waste management programs at various postal facilities through the conduct of pollution prevention opportunity assessments (PPOA). The PPOA summarized here was conducted at the USPS Northern Virginia Facilities located in Merrifield, VA.

The PPOA documented and quantified waste generation at Engineering, Research and Development (ERD), the Processing and Distribution Center (PDC) and the Vehicle Maintenance Facility (VMF). The report makes recommendations concerning the procurement of office supplies, maintenance supplies and hazardous materials; management of hazardous materials and wastes; purchase of chemicals on USEPA's 33/50 list; improvement of source separation and recycling of paper and paper products, metals and plastics; management of unwanted equipment; and other options for reducing or eliminating pollution.

*This Project Summary was developed by USEPA's National Risk Management Research Laboratory, Cincinnati, OH to announce key findings of the research project that is fully documented in a separate report of the same title (see Project Report ordering information at back).*

## Introduction







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*The complete report, entitled "Pollution Prevention Assessment U.S. Postal Service Facilities Merrifield, VA," (Order No. PB97-100044; Cost: \$57.00, subject to change) will be available only from:*

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