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To: Executive Council
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From: Environmental Management System Steering Committee
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RE: Environmental Management System Steering Committee's (EMSSC) Recommended Targets for CY2016

At this time the Committee has three Environmental Management System (EMS) recommendations for the Executive Council to consider for CY2016. However, should EMS opportunities arise during the CY2016; the EMSSC Chair will contact the Executive Council to discuss these opportunities. The Committee would also like the Laboratory's Site Sustainability Plan (SSP) communicated to Ames Laboratory personnel as these goals have been adopted into the Laboratory's EMS. The SSP encompasses all aspects of the Laboratory's efforts to meet DOE's sustainability goals.

Item 1 Recommendation: The EMSSC recommends an Open House be held in the Ames Laboratory Storeroom and Warehouse by April 1, 2016. The Open House will provide Ames Laboratory employees the opportunity to discover what supplies are readily available through the storeroom and showcase the Equipment Pool website. This recommendation will increase awareness of the sustainable purchasing requirements by showcasing these products. Encouraging the use of the Equipment Pool website aligns with our objective of diverting solid waste by re-using viable equipment within the Laboratory.

Item 2 Recommendation: The EMSSC recommends using the new chemical inventory system to facilitate the redistribution of chemicals that would otherwise be disposed of as waste. The target date for this objective is December 31, 2016. The committee has identified the generation of Hazardous Waste as a significant environmental aspect and the redistribution of chemicals will reduce the potential for unused chemicals to become waste.

Item 3 Recommendation: The EMSSC recommends the Laboratory register to participate in the National Bike Challenge, 2016 which typically runs May through September. The Laboratory can register as a "team" or "workplace" and track the miles, CO2 emissions saved, calories burned, and money saved if participants ride for their commute. Registrants will be eligible to win prizes through the National Bike Challenge organization. This initiative will encourage green commuting alternatives thus reducing Green House Gas emissions to help the lab reach the DOE goal outlined in the SSP.

Please forward any recommendations, comments, or questions to Sarah Morris-Benavides, sarahmb@ameslab.gov.