

# Public Communication of Significant Aspects for 2020

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is continually looking for ways to minimize its environmental footprint. One way this is accomplished is through the Environmental Management System (EMS). The EMS identifies activities and processes (aspects) that can impact the environment. The aspects that have the potential to significantly impact the environment have been selected for evaluation and impact reduction. Environmental action plans have been created with objectives, targets, and goals to reduce the impact these aspects have on the environment. The current Significant Aspects for Wright-Patterson are:

## **Water Quality: PFOS/PFOA in groundwater**

- PFOS/PFOA chemicals are emerging contaminants in groundwater; determination of sources, monitoring contaminant levels, and developing groundwater site models are the initial courses of action.

## **Tanks: Inspection and Maintenance of ASTs**

- Inspection and maintenance of Above Ground Storage Tank (AST) overflow protection, inventory control, and overflow alarms in accordance with Steel Tank Institute (STI) Standards and USEPA's rule for Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) is critical to maintaining environmental compliance.