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The Boeing Company C-17 program has received a 1997 Pollution Prevention Award from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The award was presented Sept. 15 in San Francisco by EPA Region IX administrator Felicia Marcus. Pollution prevention awards honor companies for activities that reduce or eliminate the generation of pollutants at their source.

The C-17 program was cited for eliminating a number of harmful chemicals, including 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA), which was replaced with aqueous cleaners in vapor degreasing processes.

Hazardous wastes were reduced from 492,000 pounds in 1995 to 302,000 pounds in 1996. Hazardous air emissions were reduced from 225,000 pounds in 1991 to 80,000 pounds in 1996. Hazardous waste disposal costs were reduced from \$248,701 in 1995 to \$164,400 in 1996.

"We are very proud of this award and take seriously our role as a good community neighbor," said Robert J. Hollenbeck, director of safety, health and environmental services. "We have a lot more ideas and plans for the future that will further reduce the impact of our products and our operations on the environment -- so we don't intend to rest on our laurels. It takes a dedicated team to do this, not just a couple of people. Every C-17 teammate has a role in this program."

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