

## CHIEVRES AIR BASE – BELGIUM EARTH DAY 2005

### NEW RECYCLING CENTER OPENS

In celebration of Earth Day, the Benelux Garrison at Chievres Air Base Belgium opened a new Recycling Center and Hazardous Waste Storage Area.

U.S. and Belgian Army representatives, environmental inspectors, civilian authorities from surrounding areas and recycling contractors were present. An American Boy Scout and Lieutenant Colonel Yves Goessens from the Belgian Army Infrastructure Directorate cut the ribbon to officially open the Center.



The Recycling Center and Hazardous Waste Storage Area currently manages 21 solid waste streams. Old furniture, second hand clothes, and ink cartridges are recycled at no cost by charity organizations. Other items including paper, cardboard, aluminum and copper are sold. The Center is continuing to search for additional waste streams to recycle.

Prior to the opening of the Recycling Center Complex, SHAPE (Supreme Headquarter of the Allied Powers in Europe) American Boys Scouts planted 20 trees in the surrounding areas of the Center. The trees were a gift from the Walloon Region Government, a French speaking part of Belgium.

