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## Environmental efforts net team international award

□ *Aerospace, SMC team receive award from Air Force Materiel Command for work with Russian Federation*

**A** U.S. delegation that includes three employees from Systems Planning and Engineering has received Air Force Materiel Command's International Award in Armaments Cooperation in the team category. The delegation has been participating in ongoing U.S.-Russian Federation efforts with Air Force officials and contractor representatives to facilitate a greater sharing of

environmental technologies developed for Russian space programs that could potentially benefit the United States.

Drs. Rod Gibson, Valerie Lang and Bill Ailor are part of the U.S. delegation that has participated in two meetings so far with the Space and Missile Systems Center and representatives of the Russian Federation Ministry of



SMC commander Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold, left, presented the International Award in Armament Cooperation to Leonard Aragon and Thomas Huynh, SMC; Dr. Rod Gibson, Aerospace senior vice president, Systems Planning and Engineering (SPE); John Edwards, SMC; Dr. Valerie Lang, Aerospace systems director, chief engineer's office, SPE; and Jon Delfel, SMC. Missing is Dr. Bill Ailor, principal director of CORDS, SPE.

Defense. The most recent visit took place in October 2000 at Fort MacArthur under the Bilateral Environmental Cooperation for Space Activities Program agreement between the United States and Russia.

The focus of efforts during the October meeting was to compare Russian hydrazine

treatment technologies with those used at U.S. launch sites. A new Aerospace proposal to conduct joint research on space object reentry is also under review by U.S. and Russian delegates.

SMC commander Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold presented the award to the U.S. delegation on July 23.