

National Park Service
2003 Environmental Achievement Awards
Honorable Mention

Roger Lobato, Materials Handler
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

As the Materials Handler at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Mr. Roger Lobato is in charge of purchasing, receiving, warehousing, and issuing consumable items. He continually seeks pollution prevention, waste minimization, and recycling opportunities while striving to please customers. Mr. Lobato's noteworthy accomplishments include:

- Replaced conventionally purchased, stored and issued conventional antifreeze with environmentally preferable, non-toxic antifreeze.
- Switched the entire Park over to low mercury, "green" fluorescent light bulbs.
- Implemented the DOI policy to use 100% post consumer use copy paper.
- Incorporated Chevron ECO re-refined oil into the Park's motor fleet maintenance program.
- Instituted a program to use recycled printer cartridges.
- Introduced peppermint oil as a natural way to deter rodents in enclosed areas (peppermint oil is noxious to rodents).
- Generated a list of hazardous materials that are purchased through him and stored in his warehouse. He routinely updates the inventory and screens for environmentally unfriendly products which he can eliminate from usage in the Park.