

# ***Earth Day Participation Encouraged***

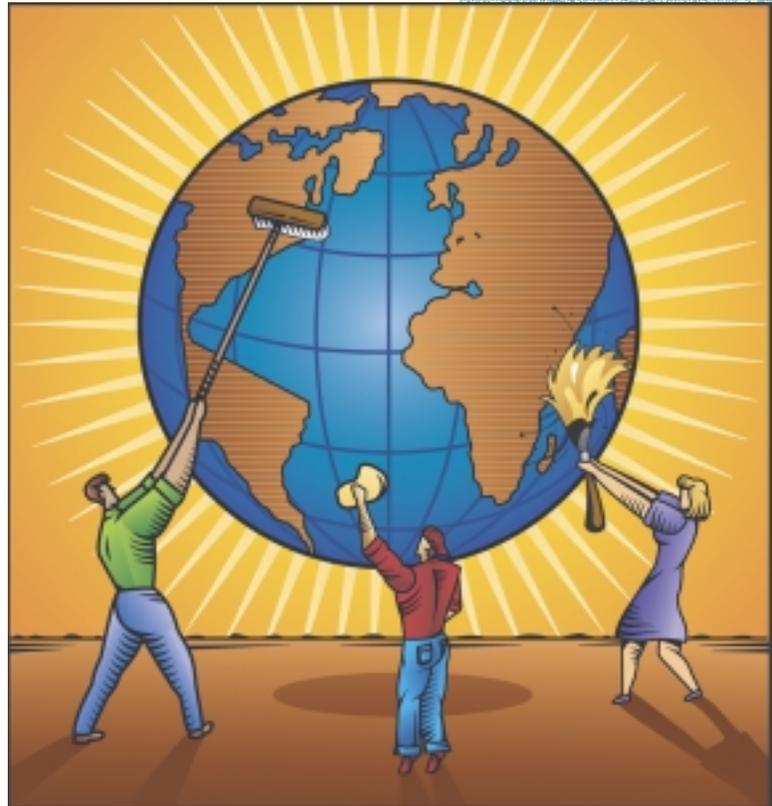
April 22 marks the 32nd anniversary of Earth Day, now widely celebrated around the world as a collective expression of public will to create a sustainable society.

The first Earth Day turned out to be the largest demonstration of its kind in history, when millions expressed their dismay over what was happening to the environment and alarm at the indifference by the political leaders of the country.

An estimated 20 million people participated in peaceful demonstrations all across the country. The first Earth Day led to the creation of the EPA and to the passage of the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act.

Navy commands, bases and other activities around the world are encouraged to participate and mark Earth Day in special ways.

Examples include recycling efforts, completing an Earth Day cleanup project, or participating in any other worthwhile environmental project.



For more information on Earth Day 2002, go to [www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net)

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