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**Memorandum**

To: Center personnel

Fr: Curtis Meinert

Re: One-sided print

Not many days ago I was in a meeting when one of the participants got up to leave. On being asked where he was going he said “We’re done. We covered everything on the agenda”. Whereupon the nearly departed was reminded that the rest of the agenda was on the flip side of the page.

Clearly the person was a one-sided print person done in by a Greenie bent on saving trees one page at a time while standing knee deep at home in boxes from Amazon.

I am a one-sided print person and, alas, regarded as an ecological hog by my colleagues because of my penchant. (Hog, not pig. Hogs and pigs are different. “Pigs is pigs and data is data” but never “Hogs is hogs and data is data!).

I am glad James Madison and Thomas Jefferson were not into saving paper or we would have half a Constitution.

In writing this, I asked a fellow worker if when producing meeting materials if she was a one-sided or two-sided print person. She said she was a one-sided print person, but the default on her printer is for two-sided print and that she is usually too lazy to change the setting, so documents are usually two-sided print.

Change the default to one-sided so you have to do something to produce a two-sided print document!

Save a nickel, spend a dollar. Save a page, reduce efficiency. If you doubt my claim, try reviewing a two-sided print version of a draft manuscript or two-sided print versions of draft data collection forms.

Finished documents can be two-sided print but most things produced in places like this are drafts or working documents and, hence, should be one-sided print.