



**Good-as-new!** The operator places a torit filter into the machine that vacuums the debris. The self-contained cleaning system spent a two-week period on-site to clean filters.



**As clean as the day it was new:** MTS Filtration Service and Industrial Cleaning Division representative Jay Gross shows Jennifer Payne, Al Cudney and Jeff Cain the cleaned Torit Filter.

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## LCA waste reduction saves money and environment

New Re-Use Initiative Helps Body Plant Meet Waste Reduction Goals

"Saving the environment and saving money, it's a win-win situation for the LCA Body Plant," said Jennifer Payne, Resource Management, about the new re-use initiative.

and "M" Silicon Bronze Booths in the Body Shop, are changed yearly. In the past, they were removed from the system, landfilled and new filters were put in their place, reported Payne. "Now the filters are removed, cleaned and put back into the system."

Thanks to the efforts of Environmental Services and Resource Management, a program to clean and reuse Torit filters, resulted in a significant yearly savings along with eliminating 480 barrel-size filters being landfilled annually.

Torit filters, used in the air filtration system of the "C"

MTS, an industrial cleaning vendor, came on-site last month with specialized equipment to clean the copper dust from the filter, she said. "The We Care Team watched as the operator loaded a torit filter into the machine to be cleaned," Payne remarked. "They come out of the machine looking like new."

The copper fines removed from the filters are collected and sent for recycling as scrap metal.

"The filters can be cleaned up to three times and that gives the filter a four year life instead of just one," she remarked. The clean filters are checked with specialized equipment to ensure they meet the same specifications as new filters before they are put back into the system.

"This savings is significant for our environment too," she said. "Each cleaning keeps 8 tons of waste out of our landfills each year!"

### ***Buckle Up and Bring 'em Back Alive!***

A new Click it or Ticket tagline and a high-visibility enforcement pilot program take center stage during the two-week national safety belt mobilization May 19 through June 1.

GM supports the seat belt effort that aims to educate teens and young adults in the U.S. about the leading risk they face—death and serious injury from traffic crashes.

All LCA employees and their family members are reminded of the importance of wearing a safety belt. Safety belts really do save lives!

