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Giant Leap in Postconsumer Copier Paper Compliance

Since 1993, when the President signed Executive Order 12873 — his first directive to promote recycling — purchases of recycled-content copier paper quadrupled, from 12 percent in 1994 to 69 percent in 1998. Today, we have gone the next step. Almost 18 months after the signing of E.O. 13101, "Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition," the combined recycled paper purchases from the two largest suppliers of copier paper to the Federal government — the U.S. General Services Administration and the Government Printing Office — have increased to 98 percent!

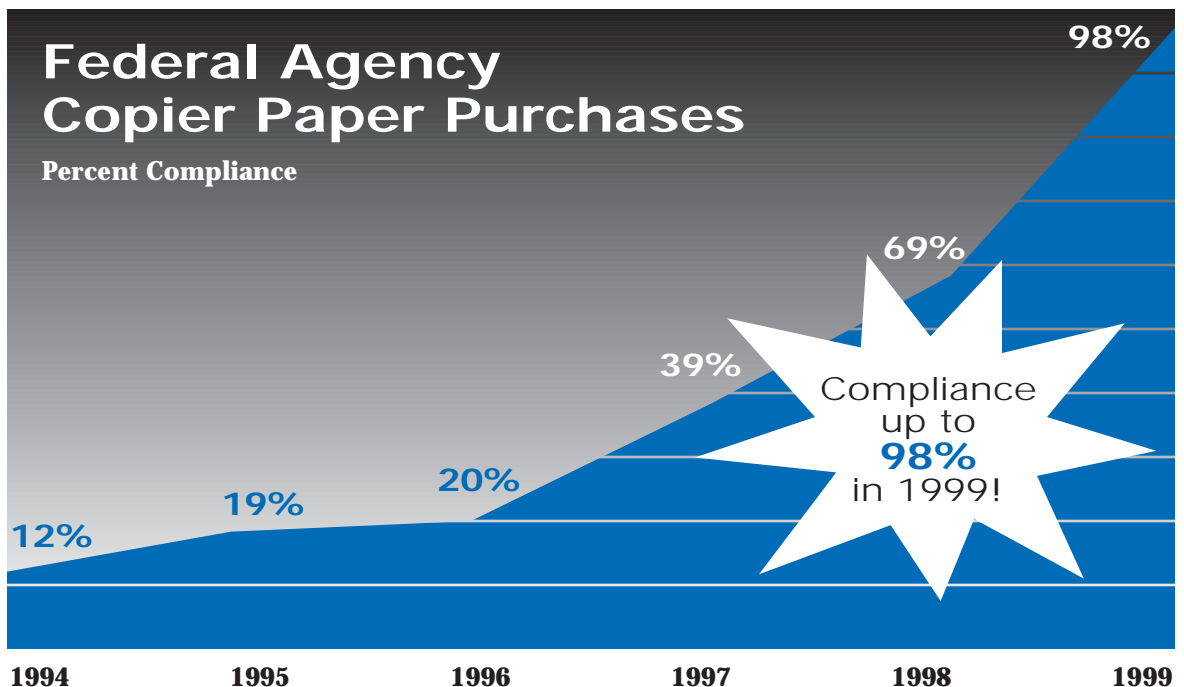
E.O. 13101 directed all Federal agencies to expand and strengthen the Federal government's dedication to recycling and to buying products made with recycled content. A major provision of this Executive Order directed Federal agencies to purchase copier paper and other office papers containing 30 percent postconsumer fiber.

Through this single action, the Clinton Administration expects to save up to half a million

trees a year, reduce air and water pollution, and curb emissions that contribute to global warming. This responsible use of Government purchasing power was not only directed to help the environment, but will also stimulate the growth of the recycled paper industry in the 21st century.

According to the American Forest & Paper Association's 1999 capacity survey, U.S. mills are expected to increase their use of recovered paper at an average annual rate of 1.8 percent in the 2000-2002 period. Recovered paper will account for slightly more than 37 percent of the total fiber consumed by U.S. paper mills. This tells us that the recycled paper industry will be alive and well for a long time. Even in the computer age, paper has evolved over the years from merely a writing surface to a material that touches nearly every aspect of our lives. The Federal government alone buys 20.9 billion sheets of copier paper a year — equating to 10 million sheets of paper used every work hour of every working day!

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EPA Designates 18 Recycled Content Products for Federal Procurement

EPA amended the Comprehensive Procurement Guideline* by adding 18 recycled content products for use in construction, landscaping, park and recreation, office, and other applications. Under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and E.O.

13101, Federal agencies, state and local agencies using Federal funds, and government contractors must begin purchasing these products with recycled content within one year. For additional information, visit EPA's CPG web site at www.epa.gov/cpg.

CPG III

Construction Products

- Carpet cushion
- Flowable fill (controlled low-strength materials)
- Railroad grade crossing surfaces

Park and Recreation Products

- Food waste compost
- Plastic lumber landscaping timbers and posts

Non-Paper Office Products

- Solid plastic binders
- Plastic clipboards
- Plastic file folders
- Plastic clip portfolios
- Plastic presentation folders

Miscellaneous Products

- Sorbents
- Industrial drums
- Awards and plaques
- Mats
- Signs
- Manual-grade strapping

* EPA published the Comprehensive Procurement Guideline 3 and related Recovered Materials Advisory Notice 3 in the January 19, 2000 Federal Register (65 FR 3070-3081).

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E.O. 13101 prohibited the sale and purchase of printing and writing paper not containing a minimum of 30 percent postconsumer fiber after December 31, 1998. Now that this directive is fully implemented, it will result in the following environmental impacts in the paper industry alone:

- 14 percent average reduction in air emissions and greenhouse gases;
- 12 percent reduction of total energy use in copier paper production;
- 13 percent reduction in solid waste;
- 13 percent reduction in water pollution;

- A significant reduction in tree harvesting for paper production.

The Federal government, as the single largest paper purchaser in the nation, and also one of the largest consumer of goods and services, has an opportunity to lead the country in promoting the purchase and use of recycled content copier paper. The results to date are a resounding success: over 2.8 billion sheets of recycled copier paper purchased in 1999!

As the government continues its efforts to conserve resources and protect the environment, Federal agencies will continue to implement new initiatives in order to effect an even greater progress in these important areas. The difficulties that may be encountered will be challenging, but with the creative and industrious American spirit, our environmental future will be secured.

Recent Efforts to Learning "GREEN"

In-house training as well as outreach programs are both essential parts of making the purchasing of recycled content and environmentally preferable products (EPP) and services a victory for the government, the public, and industry. In Executive Order (E.O.) 13101, "Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition," the President directed the Federal Environmental Executive and the White House Task Force on Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention and Recycling (Task Force) to evaluate federal acquisition training and assist agencies with incorporating the requirements of the E.O. into their curricula.

The Department of Defense (DoD), which has more than 106,000 acquisition personnel, provides military and civilian procurement professionals training through the Defense Acquisition University (DAU). DAU is a consortium of DoD education and training institutions and organizations. Immediately following the release of E.O. 13101, the Task Force on Recycling began working with DAU's course directors and faculty on ways to incorporate the components of the E.O. into their acquisition classes. In October 1999, the Task Force provided a 2-day training workshop for course directors and faculty to help them do exactly this. Various personnel addressed the workshop and provided attendees with information on the purchasing of recycled content and EPP products and services, energy efficient products, and some best practices. The Task Force is continuing to work with DAU instructors to help them restructure their courses to include training on the components of the E.O.

The Task Force is also working with the Federal Acquisition Institute (FAI), which prepares instructional materials for acquisition personnel throughout the Federal government. FAI and the Task Force are currently in the preliminary stages of preparing a free Internet-based course for the Federal Environmental Executive (FEE) Web site covering the provisions of E.O. 13101.

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In addition to working with the procurement institutions, representatives from the Task Force have made presentations specifically targeted towards procurement, program, and architectural planning personnel within a number of agencies, including DoD and the services, the DOE, VA, Treasury Department, SSA, DOJ, HHS, and NASA. Since January 1999, members of the Task Force have been giving presentations to senior DoD and service contracting officers on green purchasing, its cost effectiveness, and how they can incorporate green purchasing into their daily operations. These training sessions occur once every month in Washington, DC, with attendees coming from offices across the United States.

The White House Task Force on Recycling also offers free training videos on purchasing recycled content products for fleet vehicles. "Dispelling Myths about Rubber on the Road,"

produced by the American Retreaders' Association and the Tire Retread Information Bureau, discusses the sources of tire treads on the road, the benefits of retreading, and proper care of tires. "Roadmap to Buy Recycled Vehicular Products," produced for the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive (OFEE) by the U.S. Postal Service, discusses re-refined oil, retread tires, and recycled content antifreeze.

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Training has also become an important part of America Recycles Day (ARD) activities celebrated by Federal Agencies throughout the country every year. For example, more than 200 Federal employees attended a combined training and rally held last November 9 at the Old Post Office in Washington DC.

The training included sessions on Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP), a review of E.O. 13101, an overview of Federal pollution prevention initiatives and how they relate to the Department of Defense's acquisition process, and GSA's latest efforts to be the service provider for recycled and otherwise environmentally oriented products to the Federal community. Participants had so many questions that each session could have lasted at least two hours.

All course participants gave high scores to the presentations. A GSA employee wrote the following comment about the E.O. 13101 overview section: "Outstanding! Excellent! Informative! Great data! Presenter was excellent! Expand the session!" A private sector participant wrote the following critique about the training in general: "Great presentations! Wish we had more time. Very useful handouts!"

As expected, participants recommended that more training be offered in conjunction with future ARD rallies. The Federal America Recycles Day Committee, looks forward to increasing the courses and attendance again next year.

For more information on E.O. 13101 training opportunities, visit the Task Force web site at www.ofee.gov or contact the Task Force at 202-564-1297 or by e-mail at mcpoland.fran@ofee.gov.

100% Postconsumer Paper Now Available!

Graphic Paper New York, Inc. now has a GSA Advantage! contract for 100 percent post-consumer content text and cover paper. Sandpiper is laser friendly, available in 10 colors, and available made from either deinked or non-deinked fiber. New Life DP is 100 percent chlorine free and contains 60 percent postconsumer fiber. Price schedules are posted at www.pcw100.com, under "GSA Advantage". Delivery is within 7 days or less of the placed order. Check it out!

Automatic Substitution - Increase Purchasing and Reduce Reporting

Use of an automatic substitution policy is a successful technique for increasing purchases of recycled content products. It also is a way to reduce the reporting requirements for individual Federal government agencies.

Automatic substitution occurs when agencies establish a policy requesting that a supplying agency [General Services Administration (GSA), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), or Government Printing Office (GPO)] automatically substitute a recycled content product meeting Executive Order (E.O.) 13101 and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recommended content levels in place of any orders for non-recycled content or non-compliant products.

In 1997, the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Justice (DOJ) initiated a policy directing the GSA to substitute 20 percent postconsumer content copier paper when DoD activities or DOJ bureaus ordered virgin paper. Other Federal agencies then sent letters to the GSA and the GPO requesting that they substitute compliant recycled content copier papers for orders of non-compliant copier paper. This substitution policy significantly increased Federal agency compliance with the postconsumer content paper directives in E.O. 13101 and was a great move forward in efforts to "green" government purchasing. The effort on the part of those two agencies was so significant, that it was recognized in a joint White House Closing the Circle Award.

Recently, the DoD and DOJ initiated substitution policies for re-refined lubricating oil. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology directed the automatic substitution of re-refined lubricating oil for virgin oil when DoD activities order commercial grades of 10W30, 5W30, and 15W40, 30 and 40 weights motor oils. The DOJ Agency Environmental Executive requested the DLA to fill the Department's orders for virgin oil with re-

refined lubricating oil that meets the terms of E.O. 13101 unless the Department's purchasing agent provides a written exemption from the DOJ Agency Environmental Executive.



On August 26, 1999, the Federal Environmental Executive sent a letter to Agency Environmental Executives for all major procuring agencies requesting that they give serious consideration to using an automatic substitution policies for oil. The Department of Transportation concluded that substitution would save money, and subsequently initiated the oil automatic substitution policy in an expeditious manner. This policy should have a profound effect on the Federal government's purchasing of re-refined lubricating oil and the stimulation and building of markets for re-refined lubricating oil.

Automatic substitution policies also have a significant effect on reporting. Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and E.O. 13101 require that agencies track their purchases of

designated EPA guideline items and report on them. Agencies can save resources if the data are captured at the supply centers rather than from the individual recipients of the materials. For those facilities and activities who requisition recycled paper and re-refined lubricating oil, the reporting data for those items can be reported by the supply center.

All Federal agencies are strongly encouraged to seek other recycled-content products for automatic substitution policies. Examples could include, but not be limited to: recycled toner cartridges, traffic cones and traffic barricades with recycled content, plastic desktop accessories, and recycled content chipboard and plastic covered binders. Please contact us at 202-564-1297 if you are interested in implementing automatic substitution policies for recycled-content products.

Interested in Purchasing Plastic Lumber?

Coming to a Home Depot near you! Recycled-content plastic lumber will now be available at 22 locations in California. The plastic lumber is supplied by U.S. Plastic Lumber Corp., and is made from 100% recycled plastic. "Home Depot has chosen the product of U.S. Plastic Lumber due to its superior quality, durability, environmental sensitivity, and maintenance free care" said Kimberly Woodbury of Home Depot's Environmental Program. And you don't have to worry about sealing your old wooden deck each Spring!

America Recycles Day Presents the "American Green Dream House"



(Kempner, Texas) - A green dream has come true for Sgt. First Class Robert Portillo's family. Portillo's daughter Alma, her husband Cliff, and their two-year-old son Alex Sanchez received the keys to the nation's first "American Green Dream House" on September 15, 1999. This beautiful \$200,000 three-bedroom home was built with recycled-content construction materials. The family moved into the house in Kempner, Texas (located some 90 miles northwest of Austin) on October 1.

Sgt. Portillo won the house as a result of submitting a pledge at the first America Recycles Day in December of 1997. His pledge to recycle his cans and motor oil was drawn from 750,000 pledges submitted that year. Formerly stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, Sgt. Portillo selected the Kempner location as the site for his new home. He is currently stationed in Saudi Arabia, but has arranged for his

daughter's family to move into the Green Dream House.

"I must say I never realized the number of products that are available from recyclables and the companies that make them," said Portillo, a native of El Paso. "I'm happy to see that and I want to thank all of them for doing it, not just for me, but for all of us."

"We're thrilled that while Sgt. Portillo is serving the military overseas, we're able to help give his family a new home," said Federal Environmental Executive Fran McPoland, Co-chair of America Recycles Day. "It's especially fitting for the theme of this year's America Recycles Day - For our children's future, buy recycled today."

The American Green Dream House is a monument to buying recycled products. Recycled-content construction

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NRC's 19th Annual Congress & Exposition

Congress Registration Form

September 10-13, 2000, Charlotte, North Carolina

A. Attendee Information

Name _____
Company _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____

- Need special assistance due to a disability? Please check here and attach a written description of your needs.
- Please remove my name from any post Congress mailing lists.

Attendee Profile:

- Municipal Government
- Drop-off Center
- Federal Government
- Processor/Broker
- Nonprofit Recycler
- County/Regional Gov't
- Consultant
- State Government
- Environmental Group
- Waste Management Firm
- Other

Purchasing Influence:

- Make Final Decision
- Identify the Need
- Recommend Purchase
- No Role in Purchasing
- Specify the Product

Is this your first NRC Congress?

- Yes No

B. Congress & Exposition Fees

(Payment must be received by deadlines to be eligible for early rates)

Full Registration	by 5/31	6/1 - 7/31	8/1 - 8/25
NRC Members	\$345	\$375	\$475
Non-Members	\$395	\$425	\$525
Federal Employees	\$255	\$295	\$355

Cancellation Policy, Substitutions & Deadlines

Requests for cancellations will be honored with full refunds (less a \$75 per-person processing fee) if received before July 31, 2000. Written requests postmarked between August 1 and August 25, 2000 will receive a 50 percent refund of the full registered amount (less an additional \$75 per-person processing fee). Sorry, absolutely no refunds will be given for cancellations after August 25, 2000. No refunds will be given for Congress no shows. All cancellations must be made in writing to: NRC, 1727 King Street, Suite 105, Alexandria, VA 22314. No cancellations will be accepted by telephone. Cancellations will be processed four to six weeks after the Congress.

All substitutions must be made in writing. No substitutions can be made at the NRC office after August 25, 2000. After this date, all changes must be made at the Congress on-site registration desk.

**All registrations after August 25, 2000
must take place on-site in Charlotte, NC.**

All on-site registrations will be charged a 15% processing fee

C. NRC Membership

Join NRC directly now and enjoy discounted Congress registration. Only those who are NRC members as of July 31, 1999 may vote at the Congress for the NRC Board of Directors and/or any bylaws changes.

There are two ways to join NRC and get the special membership discount. Check with your state recycling organization to see if you have already joined NRC through them. Or, use the schedule below to join the NRC directly.

Organizational members of the NRC may send one person to the Congress at the member rate. All other employees who wish to attend the Congress at the member rate must become associate members.

- New Member
- Renewal

Organizational Membership/Annual Dues

Nonprofit Organization.....	\$100
Government Agency	\$200
Small Business (fewer than 50 employees).....	\$250
Medium Business (50-200 employees).....	\$500
Large Business (over 200 employees).....	\$1,000
Trade Association	\$1,000

Individual Membership/Annual Dues

Individual.....	\$45
Associate*	\$20

*The associate category is a discounted individual membership for employees of organizational members in good standing. To join as an associate member, your employee must be an organizational member of NRC and must be indicated above. The associate discount is for NRC direct memberships only.

Organizational member name _____

Total for Section C: \$ _____

D. Add Sections

B+C = Total Amount Due \$: _____

- Check (made payable to NRC)
- Government P.O. # _____

If you are using a purchase order, you must fill in the PO number or attach the PO to this form. Failure to do either will result in your registration not being processed.

Complete if paying by credit card:

- MasterCard
- AMEX
- VISA
- Diner's Club

Name (please print) _____

Account # _____ Exp Date _____

Signature _____

Payment Acknowledgment

By signing this registration payment form, I understand that by canceling attendance after August 25, 2000 or by failing to attend, I or my organization will still be responsible for the total charges. I have read and understand the cancellation policy.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Complete entire form and send with registration fees
(US Dollars only) to:**

NRC Congress Registration Processing Center
P.O. Box 78453; Baltimore, MD 21279-0453

NRC's Annual Congress and Exposition

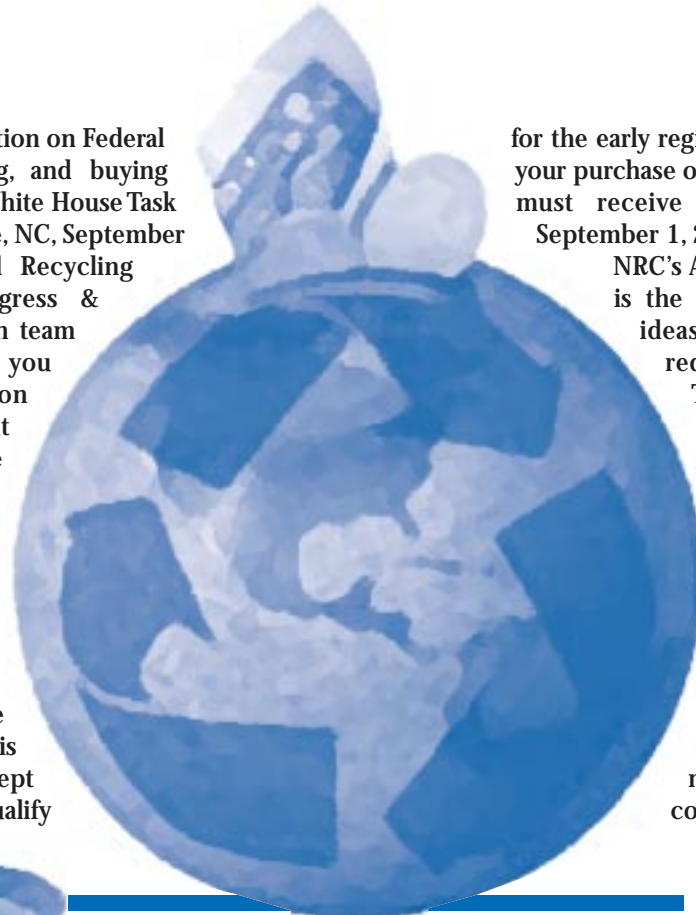
Looking for the latest information on Federal waste prevention, recycling, and buying “green”? Plan now to join the White House Task Force on Recycling in Charlotte, NC, September 10-13, 2000 for the National Recycling Congress’ 19th Annual Congress & Exposition. We will once again team up with NRC to offer you educational sessions on implementing President Clinton’s directive to reduce waste, recycle, and buy recycled content and environmentally preferable products.

In this issue of Closing the Circle News, you will find a registration form for this year’s congress. Please note that the first early registration cut-off is May 31, 2000. NRC will accept Federal purchase orders. To qualify

for the early registration rate, you must submit your purchase order by May 31, 2000 and NRC must receive payment on the P.O. by September 1, 2000.

NRC’s Annual Congress & Exposition is the best place to exchange new ideas about recycling, source reduction, and composting.

The Congress offers the most comprehensive, informative, educational program of any recycling conference across the country. Every year, the NRC Congress is the most informative gathering of its kind. Come meet and exchange ideas with recycling colleagues from all levels of government, universities, non-governmental organizations, and corporations.



Reminder:

Abstracts for Federal presentations are due February 25, 2000. E-mail abstracts to the Executive Steering Committee at arnold.dana@ofee.gov, or fax them to (202) 564-1393.

Recycling: An Investment in Our Future

September 10-13, 2000
Charlotte, North Carolina

Potential Topics for 2000 Federal Sessions:

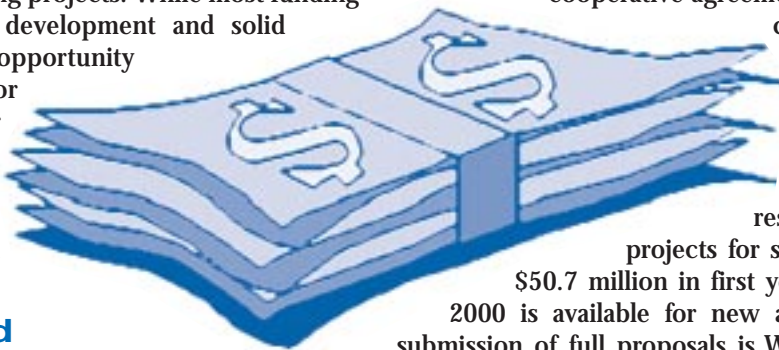
- Waste Prevention
- Recycling
- Reporting
- Affirmative Procurement
- Federal Facility Compliance
- Goal Setting and Tracking
- Model Facilities
- Education/America Recycles Day Activities

Funding Opportunities

It seems like someone is always looking for new sources of Federal funding for recycling projects. While most funding comes from state market development and solid waste programs, here is an opportunity for Federal funding for recycling technologies. For information about state funding opportunities, visit EPA's Jobs-Through-Recycling web site at www.epa.gov/jtr.

NIST's Advanced Technology Program

The National Institute of Standards and Technology's Advanced Technology Program (ATP) is a unique



partnership between U.S. industry and government to enhance the nation's competitiveness - and the economy - by developing new technologies. The ATP enters into cooperative agreements with either individual

companies or groups of companies to pursue new technologies.

For 2000, the ATP is once again conducting a competition to select research and development projects for support. A total estimated \$50.7 million in first year funding for fiscal year 2000 is available for new awards. The due date for submission of full proposals is Wednesday, March 8, 2000. For more information about this year's competition, visit the White House Task Force on Recycling's web site at www.ofee.gov and click on Advanced Technology Program.

White House Task Force on Recycling Offers the "Paper Calculator"

We all know that paper recycling has positive environmental impacts, but how do we quantify the environmental and energy savings from our individual purchases of recycled paper and paper products? The White House Task Force on Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention and Recycling is pleased to let you calculate your average energy and wood consumption and environmental releases. The "Paper Calculator"® allows the purchaser to enter data on purchases of office paper, newsprint, corrugated boxes, and two kinds of folding cartons (bleached and unbleached). The calculator generates estimates of energy, water, and wood used; air and water pollutants; and solid waste created vs. virgin paper purchases.

For example, purchases of 100 tons of recycled content office paper results in the generation of only 91,640 pounds of solid waste, compared to 223,869 pounds of solid waste when virgin fiber is used and landfilled.

The U.S. Postal Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Forest Service, in conjunction with Environmental Defense, developed the "Paper

Calculator"®. Using your data on the current and projected quantities of paper or paperboard purchased, the "Paper Calculator"® compares production of 100 percent virgin paper/paperboard and its subsequent disposal in landfills or incinerators, to production of 100 percent recycled content paper/paperboard and its subsequent recovery for recycling. The calculator provides estimates of the environmental and energy impacts based on national average emissions and energy factors. The primary multi-media parameters used in the calculator were developed by Environmental Defense for the "Paper Task Force Recommendations for Purchasing and Using Environmentally Preferable Paper" and by EPA in its report, "Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Management of Selected Materials in Municipal Solid Waste".

You always knew you were making a difference for the environment - now you can find out how much. The "Paper Calculator"® can be accessed through the Task Force on Recycling web site at www.ofee.gov. Click on "Paper Calculator"® under What's New.

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materials, from the recycled steel framing to the carpeting made from recycled plastic soda bottles, were donated by: ALCOA, Carrier Corporation, Carastar/Temple Inland, Greenstone Industries, E-Coat®, Marvin Windows & Doors, NAPCOR, Southwire, Steel Recycling Institute, Ryerson Tull, Trex, Whirlpool, Buy Recycled Business Alliance/National Recycling Coalition, and Custom Steel Homes.

Another American Green Dream House winner was announced on December 22, 1998. Ms. Lori McKee of Providence, Rhode Island, a 37-year old consultant for IBM in

Washington, was selected in the 1998 drawing from more than 2.1 million recycling and buy recycled pledges received for The Third Annual America Recycles Day (Nov. 15). McKee, who pledged to buy more recycled products, entered the contest at her former workplace, Florida Power & Light in Boca Raton, at a booth sponsored by Recycle Florida Today.

The tradition of awarding a grand prize of the American Green Dream House will continue next year. The next house will be awarded in December 2000. Pledge cards from participants in the 1999 America Recycles Day events will be entered into the Year 2000 drawing. For more information, go to ["americarecyclesday.org"](http://americarecyclesday.org).

Back to the Recycling Future

by Jessica Wolf

One morning in the late fall, there was a slight grumbling that no person could hear. Only the old glass bottles, plastic milk jugs, aluminum cans, newspapers, and a bottle of used oil could hear it. There was one certain little aluminum can named Shiny that wanted very much to be taken to the recycling place.

Hey Shiny, besides grumbling let's talk about what we want to be made into after we go to the recycling place! said an old glass bottle named Mort.

Yeah, I want to be made into a brand new can, said Shiny. Did you know aluminum is one of the easiest materials to recycle! Used aluminum cans like me can be melted and made into new shiny ones. It takes a lot of expensive energy to process aluminum from bauxite ore. However, when aluminum is recycled it saves 95% of the energy it takes to make new aluminum cans.

I would like to be made into a bright new glass bottle, said Mort. All glass can be recycled and recycled infinitely. Making new bottles from old glass costs less money and energy than manufacturing them from raw materials. The average household only recycles 10%. That's a lot of glass going to waste! We should grumble louder to recycle!

I would like to be made into a brand new Sunday paper, said Mr. Read the used paper. If all the Sunday papers in North America were recycled, more than 50,000 trees a week would be saved. The average American consumes about 120 pounds of newspaper a year, that's equal to one tree. Making new paper from old paper uses 30% - 50% less energy than making paper from trees. Paper is not recycled forever because it is made of plant fibers that break down. Recycling paper though, can greatly reduce the amount of solid waste that is dumped or

burned. I think people should recycle paper more often!

I hope I am taken to the recycling drop-off, said Greasy the used bottle of oil. When used motor oil is poured into the ground, it can seep into the ground water supplies. One quart of motor oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water. Most of the oil that is recycled is reprocessed and sold for ships and industrial boilers. The rest is reprocessed into machine lubricating oil. I hope I am recycled so I do not pollute the water or earth!

I want to be made into a park bench, said Yellow the milk jug. Waste plastic makes up one-third of all the waste in landfills and around half of all plastics thrown away everyday is packaging. Valuable oil used to make plastic is thrown away too. Rather than using plastic wrap, grocery bags, or sandwich bags, people should use recyclable containers. It is very difficult to remold plastic bags and bottles into another bag or bottle. Instead used packaging is chopped finely and used to make things like compressed plastic lumber and trays, sleeping bag insulation, and fibers for cloth -10 bottles can make one pair of pants! Neat!

Hey guys, look at this label I found, says Shiny. It says the word recycle tells us the idea of how the process works. You could sort of think of it as a circle just like this picture of arrows in a circle. Our lives would never stop if people would just take us back to be used in the future!

This was submitted by Jessica Wolf to the Back to the Recycling Future contest, hosted by Georgia Recycling Coalition. Jessica is a fifth grade home-schooler from Cumming, GA and received a \$500 Savings Bond as first place winner for the Elementary School contestants. Prizes were also awarded at the Middle School and High School levels. Runners up received gift certificates to Barnes and Noble bookstores.



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Washington, DC 20006

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Mail Code 1600 S
Ariel Rios Building
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Washington, DC 20460

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Federal Recycling Program  Printed on Recycled Paper

Containing a minimum of 30 percent postconsumer fiber.