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SUBJECT: Preference for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
Guideline Items

Executive Order 12873 and Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 USC 6962) require Federal agencies to establish preference programs for all designated EPA guideline items purchased. Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition & Technology) memorandum, "Preference for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Guideline Items," dated August 25, 1994, established a DoD preference program for the first five EPA guideline items, and established a policy that requires 100 percent of DoD purchases of designated items meet or exceed the EPA guideline standards. The only exception to the preference for the purchase of guideline items requires a written justification that cites at least one of the following conditions:

- the product is not available competitively within a reasonable time frame;
- the product does not meet appropriate performance standards;  
or
- the product is only available at an unreasonable price.

On May 1, 1995, EPA designated an additional nineteen guideline items (attached). Executive Order 12873 requires that federal agencies revise their preference programs to include newly designated items within one year of their designation by EPA. Accordingly, effective the date of this memorandum, DoD's preference program is revised to include the additional nineteen EPA guideline items.

The Department of Defense continues to strongly support the use of quality products made with recycled content. Our support of quality products made with recycled materials will demonstrate a commitment to creating new markets for environmentally preferable products, and help achieve DoD's environmental security goals. Please communicate this information on the additional EPA guideline items to both your requirements generating and your procuring

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Attachment

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Categories	Designated Items
Vehicular Products	Engine Coolants *Retread tires *Re-refined lubricating oil
Construction Products	Structural Fiberboard Laminated Paperboard Carpet Floor Tiles Patio Blocks Cement and Concrete Containing Granulated Blast Furnace Slag *Cement containing fly ash *Building insulation products
Transportation Products	Traffic Cones Traffic Barricades
Park and Recreation Products	Playground Surfaces Running Tracks
Landscaping Products	Hydraulic Mulch Yard Trimmings Compost
Non-paper Office Products	Office Recycling Containers Office Waste Receptacles Plastic Desktop Accessories Toner Cartridges Binders Plastic Trash Bags
Paper and Paper Products	*Paper and paper products

\*Consolidated from previously issues guidelines

Additional information on the designated items is contained in EPA's Environmental Fact Sheet, "EPA Issues Comprehensive Procurement Guideline." April, 1995, EPA530-F-95-010, or by calling EPA's RCRA Hotline at 1-800-424-9346.