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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
(RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT & ACQUISITION)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(MANPOWER, RESERVE AFFAIRS, INSTALLATIONS
& ENVIRONMENT)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(ACQUISITION)
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Use of Re-Refined Administrative Service Motor Oil
(Principally for Light-Duty, Gasoline Engines)

Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Executive Order 12873, "Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention," require federal agencies to purchase items designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that are or can be produced using recovered materials. The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition & Technology), in a memorandum dated August 25, 1994, established DoD policy, applicable to requirements generating and procuring activities, that requires purchase of recovered content items designated by the EPA whenever they meet performance requirements, are reasonably priced, and are competitively available within a reasonable period of time.

This memorandum provides specific requirements for the use and purchase of re-refined 10W30 administrative service motor oil (principally for light-duty, gasoline engines). Re-refined motor oil is one of the items currently designated by the EPA. We are pleased to announce that the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) recently awarded a contract for re-refined 10W30 administrative service motor oil. The oil is price competitive with virgin motor oil, and meets American Petroleum Institute Performance Standard SH (1994 Gasoline Engine Warranty Maintenance Service) and the American Automobile Manufacturers Association requirements for use in gasoline engine service.

Military Department and Defense Agencies having administrative fleets shall purchase re-refined motor oil from the DLA contract for all their 10W30 administrative service motor oil requirements, unless one of the exceptions (performance, price, timely availability) mentioned in the USD(A&T) policy memorandum applies. DLA shall fill orders for 10W30 administrative service motor oil from the re-refined motor oil contract, unless the order is accompanied by a written approval and determination explaining why re-refined motor oil cannot be used. In the event re-refined oil stocks are exhausted, DLA will fill re-refined oil requisitions with virgin oil.

The Department's support of quality products made with recycled materials will demonstrate its commitment to creating new markets for environmentally preferable products, and help achieve DoD's environmental security goals. We request that you disseminate this memorandum to your requirements generating activities, procurement activities, and logistics and environmental offices. Further details concerning DLA's re-refined motor oil contract can be obtained from Ms. Robin Champ of Defense Supply Center Richmond at (800) 352-2852.

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