

APPENDIX

EPA-DESIGNATED GUIDELINE ITEMS FOR AFFIRMATIVE PROCUREMENT

Designated items include many that are purchased by installations including paper and paper products, cement and concrete, carpet, floor tiles, fiberboard, plastic desktop accessories, binders, toner cartridges, trash bags, hydraulic mulch, printer ribbons, plastic envelopes, and pallets. A complete list of the designated and proposed items is shown in the following table. The requirement to purchase items with recycled content technically applies to procuring agencies spending at least \$10,000 per year on the designated item. The \$10,000 threshold applies to all purchases made by an entire agency (e.g., Department of the Interior, Department of Defense) rather than regional or local offices. Most Federal agencies exceed the \$10,000 threshold for EPA designated items. Although an Affirmative Procurement program may not actually reduce amounts of wastes generated, it is considered a key component of integrated solid waste management. Buying products with recycled content "completes the circle," stimulating the market for recycled materials, conserving natural resources, and saving energy otherwise used to make products from virgin materials.

EPA'S LIST OF DESIGNATED PRODUCTS

Construction Products

Designated:

Building insulation products
Carpet
Cement and concrete
Coal fly ash
Ground granulated blast furnace slag
Consolidated and reprocessed latex paint
Floor tiles
Laminated paperboard
Patio blocks
Shower and restroom dividers/partitions
Structural fiberboard

Proposed:

Carpet backing
Carpet cushion
Flowable fill
Railroad grade crossings/surfaces

Landscaping Products

Designated:

Garden and soaker hoses
Hydraulic mulch
Lawn and garden edging
Yard trimmings compost

Proposed:

Food waste compost
Landscaping timbers and posts
(plastic lumber)

Non-Paper Office Products

Designated:

Binders (paper, plastic covered)
Office recycling containers
Office waste receptacles
Plastic desktop accessories
Plastic envelopes
Plastic trash bags
Printer ribbons
Toner cartridges

Proposed:

Plastic binders (solid)
Plastic clipboards
Plastic clip portfolios
Plastic file folders
Plastic presentation folders

Paper and Paper Products

Designated:

Commercial/industrial sanitary tissue products
Miscellaneous papers
Newsprint
Paperboard and packaging products
Printing and writing papers

Proposed:

None at this time.

Park and Recreation Products

Designated:

Plastic fencing
Playground surfaces
Running tracks

Proposed:

Park and recreational furniture
Playground equipment

Transportation Products

Designated:

Channelizers
Delineators
Flexible delineators
Parking stops
Traffic barricades
Traffic cones

Proposed:

None at this time.

Vehicular Products

Designated:

Engine coolants
Re-refined lubricating oils
Retread tires

Proposed:

None at this time.

Miscellaneous Products

Designated:

Pallets

Proposed:

Sorbents
Awards and plaques
Industrial drums
Mats
Signage
Strapping and stretch wrap

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