

trimmings compost, the specific use of the compost should be described to the supplier to ensure the purchase of a product compatible with the intended use.

In the preamble to the proposed CPG, EPA also noted that the Composting Council, a diverse group of professionals engaged in promoting the beneficial use of compost, as well as a number of State agencies are developing standards and specifications for compost (see 59 FR 18878, April 20, 1994). As these standards are developed, EPA will make their availability known to procuring agencies by referencing them in a future Recovered Materials Advisory Notice.

8. Office Recycling Containers and Waste Receptacles

Comment: One commenter questioned EPA's proposed designation of steel office recycling containers and office waste receptacles, stating that the amount of steel used to manufacture such items is inconsequential when compared to the amount of steel produced in the U.S. Another commenter stated that the designation of recycling containers and waste receptacles made from multiple materials (i.e., plastic, steel, and paper) could encourage the purchase of plastic and paper containers rather than the traditional steel containers.

Response: EPA encourages the use of all recovered materials in products and does not favor one material over another. If EPA did not include steel containers in its designation, procuring agencies might assume that EPA was recommending the use of plastic or paper containers only, when this is not the case. Additionally, steel containers made from recovered materials are readily available as are containers made from plastic and paper. For these reasons, the Agency believes it is appropriate to designate containers made from steel, paper, and plastic. EPA also believes that the type of containers purchased should be the sole decision of the procuring agencies and that they can best choose the product that meets their needs.

9. Toner Cartridges

Comment: Two commenters contested EPA's designation of remanufactured toner cartridges, citing RCRA section 6002(e)(1) and Executive Order 12873 as requiring EPA to designate items made with "recovered," not "remanufactured" materials. The commenters further stated that, should EPA proceed with its designation of remanufactured toner cartridges, it should expand the designation to

include new toner cartridges made from recovered materials as well.

Response: EPA believes that the designation of remanufactured toner cartridges is consistent with the directives contained in RCRA section 6002 and Executive Order 12873. EPA believes that the reuse of materials in remanufacturing operations falls within the statutory definition of "recovered materials" in that these are materials "which have been recovered or diverted from solid waste, but * * * not * * * generated from, and commonly reused within, an original manufacturing process." Additionally, in 1988, the Agency designated retread tires as a guideline item (53 FR 46558, November 17, 1988). Retread tires are also remanufactured items.

EPA now has information that toner cartridges made with recovered materials are available for purchase. Thus, EPA agrees with the commenters that it is appropriate at this time to designate toner cartridges made with recovered materials as well as remanufactured toner cartridges. Therefore, the Agency has changed its designation from "remanufactured toner cartridges" to "toner cartridges" to include new cartridges made with recovered materials.

10. Binders

Comment: Two commenters stated that EPA's proposed item designation for binders was incomplete because it did not mention binders made from pressboard.

Response: The commenters are correct. EPA inadvertently omitted reference to pressboard in the proposed CPG under the erroneous assumption that "pressboard" was included in the term "chipboard." EPA has since determined that this is not the case. For this reason, today's final item designation for binders references chipboard and pressboard, both of which are paper and paperboard products. As explained in the final Recovered Materials Advisory Notice that accompanies this final CPG, procuring agencies should rely on the guidance provided in Section II, Part A of the Recovered Materials Advisory Notice that accompanies this final CPG and in the draft Paper Products Recovered Materials Advisory Notice (60 FR 14182, March 15, 1995) when purchasing chipboard or pressboard binders.

C. Other Items Considered for Designation

In addition to the items proposed for designation, EPA listed and requested information on 23 items as potential

items for future designation and 4 items that the Agency believed were inappropriate for designation at this time (59 FR 18881, April 20, 1994).

EPA received comments on most of the 23 items listed as potential items for future designation. In addition, EPA received comments on pallet stretch wrap and strapping, which, at proposal, were two of the items EPA believed to be inappropriate to designate (59 FR 18812, April 20, 1994). Three commenters provided information on pallet stretch wrap and one on strapping, indicating that these two items may be suitable for designation. The information provided in the comments will be considered when the Agency evaluates items for possible designation in a future update of the CPG.

D. Public Participation in Future Updates to the CPG

In the proposed rule, the Agency announced it would develop procedures that would allow the public to suggest items for inclusion in future updates of the CPG and to provide information on products made from recovered materials. The proposal also solicited public comment on possible options for increasing public participation in developing updates to the CPG and RMAN. EPA did not receive any comments relating to this issue.

EPA still intends to establish such a process and will issue a future **Federal Register** notice that describes this process.

IV. Availability of Designated Items

EPA has developed lists of manufacturers and vendors of the items designated in today's final CPG. These lists will be updated periodically as new sources are identified and EPA becomes aware of changes in product availability. To assist procuring agencies, the lists will be made available at no charge by calling EPA's RCRA Hotline at (800) 424-9346, or, in the Washington, DC area, at (703) 412-9810. They also will be available for review in the RCRA Information Center (RIC). For additional details about the location and operating schedule of the RIC, see the "Address" section at the beginning of this **Federal Register** notice. Procuring agencies are encouraged to contact manufacturers and vendors directly to discuss their specific needs and to obtain detailed information on the availability and price of recycled content products meeting those needs.

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) publishes an "Environmental Products Guide," which lists items available through its