

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Recovered Materials Advisory Notice

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability of final document.

SUMMARY: On April 20, 1994, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a notice of the availability of the draft Recovered Materials Advisory Notice (RMAN). The draft RMAN included EPA's recommendations for purchasing items that are or can be produced with recovered materials that were proposed for designation under the Federal government's recycled content products preference program (see 59 FR 18892). Today, EPA is providing notice that a final Recovered Materials Advisory Notice and supporting materials are available. This action will promote recycling by using government purchasing to expand markets for recovered materials. Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act requires EPA to designate items that are or can be made with recovered materials and provide recommendations for the procurement of these items. EPA previously designated five items and combined the designations and recommendations in item-specific procurement guidelines.

Executive Order 12873, "Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention," directs EPA to change the process for designating items and providing recommendations. EPA now is to designate procurement items in a Comprehensive Procurement Guideline and to provide recommendations in related Recovered Materials Advisory Notices. Elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**, EPA is finalizing its first Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG). The CPG designates 19 new items for which this Recovered Materials Advisory Notice provides recommended recovered materials content levels. These recommendations are organized within the following product categories: paper and paper products, vehicular products, construction products, transportation products, park and recreation products, landscaping products, and non-paper office products.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The public docket for this notice is Docket No. F-95-PRMF-FFFFF, located in Room M2616 of the RCRA Information Center (RIC)—Mail Code 5305, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street,

SW., Washington, DC 20460. The RIC is open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. To review docket materials, the public must make an appointment by calling (202) 260-9327. Materials may be copied for \$0.15 per page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: "RMAN for Items Designated in the Comprehensive Procurement Guideline—Supporting Analyses" is the primary supporting document for the final Recovered Materials Advisory Notice (RMAN). Both the **Federal Register** notice and the supporting document will be available in electronic format on the Internet System through the EPA Public Access Server at gopher.epa.gov. For a paper copy of the **Federal Register** notice or "RMAN for Items Designated in the Comprehensive Procurement Guideline—Supporting Analyses," please contact the RCRA Hotline at (800) 424-9346, or, in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, (703) 412-9810. Paper copies are also available in the RCRA Docket at the address listed in the previous section.

For technical information regarding today's recommendations for the following individual items, contact the referenced EPA staff: Building insulation and engine coolant—Tracy Bone (703) 308-7259; cement and concrete containing GGBF slag and hydraulic mulch—Dana Arnold, (703) 308-7279; carpet, floor tiles and patio blocks, playground surfaces and running tracks, yard trimmings compost, and temporary traffic control devices—Terry Grist, (703) 308-7257; structural fiberboard, laminated paperboard, and non-paper office products—Beverly Goldblatt, (703) 308-7278. For all other technical information, contact Beverly Goldblatt, (703) 308-7278, or Terry Grist (703) 308-7257.

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From the main menu, choose "EPA Offices and Regions". Next, choose "Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER)". Next, choose "Office of Solid Waste". Then, choose "Non-Hazardous Waste—RCRA Subtitle D". Finally, choose "Procurement/RMAN".

2. Through FTP: Go to: ftp.epa.gov

Login: anonymous
Password: Your Internet Address
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Choose the EPA Public Access Gopher. From the main (Gopher) menu, choose "EPA Offices and Regions". Next, choose "Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER)". Next, choose "Office of Solid Waste". Then, choose "Non-Hazardous Waste—RCRA Subtitle D". Finally, choose "Procurement/RMAN".

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Authority

Today's Recovered Materials Advisory Notice is published under the authority of sections 2002(a) and 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6912(a) and 6962, and Executive Order 12873 (58 FR 54911, October 22, 1993).

II. Agency's Response to Public Comments

EPA received a number of comments on the draft RMAN published on April 20, 1994 (see 59 FR 18892-18914). The vast majority of these comments were specific to the recovered materials content levels recommended in the RMAN for each designated item. EPA carefully considered all of the comments on the draft RMAN in developing the final recommendations included in today's notice. A summary of all comments received and the Agency's response to these comments are provided in the document entitled "RMAN for Items Designated in the Comprehensive Procurement Guideline—Supporting Analyses." This document also provides discussions of any changes EPA made to the April 1994 draft recommendations.

III. Consolidation of New and Existing Recommendations

In the Comprehensive Procurement Guideline, which is found in the rules section of today's **Federal Register**, EPA is promulgating a final rule designating 19 items which are or can be made with recovered materials. The Recovered Materials Advisory Notice published here contains EPA's final recovered