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# ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING (EPP)

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## ***EPA Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines***

As of July 31, 2002 there remains no firm date for promulgation of the final EPA rule to add 11 new items to the CPG list (known as CPG IV). In April, EPA expected to be ready to promulgate the new rule in June, which subsequently slipped to the July-August timeframe.

For ICPs looking for opportunities to expand their customer base for CPG items, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is holding its 8th Annual "Buy Recycled and Environmentally Preferable Product (EPP) Vendor Fair and Conference" on Tuesday, October 29, 2002 at the Worcester Centrum Centre, Worcester, MA. Last year's event drew close to 800 attendees and 100 exhibitors. For more information, visit their web site at <http://www.state.ma.us/osd/enviro/events.htm>.

## ***Low or No Volatile Organic Content Products***

In 1999, DLA adopted low-VOC as an environmental attribute, and the California South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) definition of low-VOC as the criteria DLA would use to determine whether a product would be listed in FLIS as a low-VOC product. However, between 1999 and 2002, very few products had been identified in FLIS as meeting the criteria. Part of the reason was that the SCAQMD had more than one definition, and their definition included rules that applied to how the products were used for specific activities. For example, a solvent used as a hand wipe would have a different threshold than a product used in a closed degreasing machine. This presented implementation problems for DLA because DLA deals with products and is unconcerned with the specific application for which the customer uses the product. However, a resolution has been proposed that will enable the various SCAQMD definitions to be applied to products based on their FIIGs. This is because the FIIGs generally relate to the intended end use of a product. This allows DLA to both continue using the SCAQMD definition and also expand the number of low-VOC products identified in FLIS.

Implementation will likely require development of additional ENACs to reflect the categories of products appropriate to the definitions used by SCAQMD. For example, SCAQMD Rule 1168 - Adhesive and Sealant Applications, lists no adhesive below 50 grams per litre. So, an ENAC could be added for low-VOC Adhesives and Sealants with a threshold of 50g/l. This will work well for the first tier categories of products governed by each of the SCAQMD rules. However, there are some slight, but manageable, complications. For example, adhesives for outdoor carpet cannot meet the 50g/l threshold

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#### **Energy Efficiency**

*Pending energy legislation requires Federal  
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#### **Water Conservation**

*Pending energy legislation includes  
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*By reader request, we are beginning a  
monthly feature highlighting specific EPP  
products.*

#### ***This Month's Product Highlight:***

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- the best they can do is 150g/l. So SCAQMD has provided a threshold of 150g/l for adhesive used for outdoor carpet. Could someone buy an outdoor adhesive at 150g/l from the green catalog then use it for another purpose for which it is inappropriate? Sure. But hopefully an adhesive intended for outdoor use will be listed accordingly in the catalog, as well as on the product label. This also implies that FIIGs must be matched to the right products so the right ENACs can be applied. To add significant numbers of low-VOC items, product center teams must be familiar with the low-VOC products they carry. Product center teams may wish to be reviewing their FIIGs to identify those that include low-VOC products. In some cases, they may need to establish new ENACs, such as one for Adhesives and Sealants. In some cases, they may even need to establish some new FIIGs, but it's too early to tell if that will be necessary. This subject will be covered in more detail at an upcoming meeting between HQ DLA DSS-E and the ICPs.

### **Energy Efficiency**

On June 27, a House - Senate conference committee began deliberations to reconcile two competing versions of comprehensive energy legislation. A number of provisions could affect demand for energy efficient products carried by DLA. Both versions of the legislation include requirements to make energy reduction goals in Federal buildings more stringent and require agencies to procure FEMP recommended or Energy Star products. Both versions also specifically direct DLA to take action. The Senate version says DLA must clearly and prominently display Energy Star and FEMP designated products. The House version states DLA must "create clear catalog listings that designate Energy Star products in both print and electronic formats."

However, the House version goes even further by requiring automatic substitution of items. Section 121 of H.R. 4 states "After any existing inventories are exhausted...DLA shall only replace inventories with energy-using products, products that are rated in the top 25 percent of energy efficiency, or products that are exempted as designated by FEMP..." Product centers that carry Energy Star or FEMP designated products may wish to begin thinking about how they would identify non-Energy Star and non-FEMP designated products that could be replaced with efficient alternatives in the event automatic product substitution becomes a requirement.

#### ***Product Highlight - The Berkeley Lamp***

Executive Order 13123 requires Federal agencies to reduce energy consumption. One way to save energy and produce a more pleasant working environment is to use the Berkeley Lamp in your office or workspace. Designed to replace overhead lighting and take care of task lighting, the Berkeley Lamp uses two independently dimmable 55-watt Compact Fluorescent Lamps - one directed downward for task lighting, and another upward for indirect lighting. The Berkeley lamp produces more than 6,400 lumens - more light than a 300-watt halogen torchiere and 150-watt incandescent table lamp combined, but uses roughly one-quarter the energy. You can see the Berkeley Lamp at: <http://dscp103.dscp.dla.mil/gi/general/berkeley%20lamp.pdf>  
To get yours, order NSN: 6230-01-497-1490 or call 1-800-DLA-BULB

FEMP is working on two new standards expected to hit the streets sometime in the next month: dishwashers and ceiling fans.

### **Water Conservation**

The House version of the energy legislation contains a provision that may make water conserving products even more attractive for DLA customers, and could help boost sales of conserving products. The provision permits agencies to calculate the financial savings from water conserving projects, and to retain those savings. The stipulation is that they reinvest the savings into additional energy efficiency and water conservation projects, providing potentially more sales.

Both the House and Senate versions of the energy bill also contain provisions to expand Energy Service Performance Contracts to include water conservation projects. Contractors providing these water conservation services to military installations and other government facilities may also represent a potential new customer base.