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# ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING (EPP)

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Products meeting the flowrates contained in FEMP website qualify for ENAC.

## *EPA Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines*

In August 2001, EPA proposed adding 11 new items to the existing 54 CPG items as described in last month's newsletter. At that time, EPA expected to issue its final rule for these items in the June timeframe. However, there were some public comments relating to carpet that have yet to be resolved. These comments involved availability of sufficient quantities of recycled nylon to satisfy the content levels proposed by EPA, and whether the rules should apply to all sizes of carpet (6ft and 12ft widths and carpet tiles). Deliberations with the industry are nearly completed, and EPA expects to publish its final rule in the August or September timeframe. This depends on whether any additional issues arise before finalizing the rule.

No issues are currently preventing movement on the other product categories, such as vehicular, construction, non-paper office products, bike racks or blasting grit, but all products will be published under a single rule so all comments must be resolved before the final version can be published.

The product centers responsible for these product categories may want to review the list of new CPG items and begin identifying those that meet the new CPG criteria. They can be viewed and downloaded at:

<http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products.htm>

## Low or No Volatile Organic Content Products

In May, 2002 DLIS established a new ENAC for Low VOC Industrial Solvents - HP. It is now listed in the DIDS Procedures Manual, Volume 10, Table 194 under "Low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC)", "Industrial Cleaners", "HP" "Cleaning Compounds". This new code will be included in the next published update to this volume.

The "HP" ENAC joins the following 3 existing low-VOC product categories:

GR - Architectural Coatings  
GS - Automobile Refinish Coatings  
GQ -Household Consumer Products

In addition, 5 new Low VOC industrial cleaning products have been certified as "Green". All applicable edit guides/FIIGS and DB2 Tables have been updated to reflect the 5 new National Stock Numbers for these items.

Centers are encouraged to make vendors of low-VOC products aware that they can self certify stock listed items as environmentally friendly through the "iGirder" program. To do so, manufacturers or vendors should submit their products to the iGirder program web site at:

<http://www.gidm.dlis.dla.mil/>

To request Environmentally Preferable Purchasing: A  
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Agency, send a request to:  
DLAEPNews@verizon.net

Vendors should use the "Government Industry Reference Data Edit and Review", to Register for an iGirder User ID and Password. It will take approximately 2 weeks for vendors to receive approval/disapproval.

### **Energy Efficiency**

DoE's Federal Energy Management Program has just announced the final publication of five new product recommendations. They are:

- How to Buy Energy Efficient Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers (per Energy Star levels)
- How to Buy Energy Efficient Gas Griddles
- How to Buy Energy Efficient Gas Fryers
- How to Buy Energy Efficient Pressureless Steamers
- How to Buy Energy Efficient Hot Food Holding Cabinets

You can view or download these new recommendations from DoE's FEMP home page at:

<http://www.eren.doe.gov/femp/procurement>

DSCP may want to compare these new product recommendations against product lines in the food service products area. Some products already carried by DLA may qualify for designation as environmentally preferable products with the appropriate ENAC.

### **Water Conservation**

A variety of laws and Executive Orders require Federal agencies to purchase products that conserve water. DoE's Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) takes the work out of selecting products by evaluating existing products on the market and identifying the flow rates buyers should look for based on the product being purchased.

FEMP currently provides flow rate recommendations and other buying tips for the following categories of products:

- Faucets
- Showerheads
- Toilets
- Urinals

For the recommended flow rates as well as other buying tips, visit the FEMP website at:

<http://www.eren.doe.gov/femp/procurement/begin.html>

For centers wishing to be added to FEMP's web site as a potential source for these products, you can contact Michelle Ware at the FEMP Washington DC office at (202) 646-7964.