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To: Director 850, All State Directors, National Office of Fire & Aviation
Attention: Printing Specialists/Coordinators

From: Director, National Business Center

Subject: Use of Recycled Paper

Attached is a copy of Department of Interior Printing and Publications Bulletin No. 97-01 which stresses the Department's commitment to the use of recycled paper. This Bulletin contains two memorandums from Bonnie Cohen, Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget, that support Executive Order (EO) 12873 and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The two latter documents serve as the basis for the required government use of paper containing recycled materials.

This is not a new initiative. While the use of recycled paper with post consumer waste content has always been supported by the Department and BLM, there have been problems with full compliance. Perhaps the most significant problem, has been the combination of availability and price of recycled papers, particularly west of the Mississippi. Another major problem has been the paper's performance in both high speed and convenience copiers. Both of these issues appear to have been resolved. Paper meeting the 20% postconsumer materials is readily available throughout the country and improvements in the production of recycled papers have significantly improved the paper's performance in reprographics equipment.

If you have any questions or encounter any problems complying with this directive, please contact Lee Campbell, Bureau Printing Officer, at (303) 236-9422.

1 Attachment

1 - DOI Printing & Publications Bulletin No. 97-01 (6 pp)

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