

OZONE-DEPLETING SUBSTANCES

Background

Executive Order 12843, "Procurement Requirements and Policies for Federal Agencies for Ozone-Depleting Substances," (April 21, 1993) directs Federal agencies to change their procurement practices to reduce the production and consumption of substances that cause the depletion of stratospheric ozone. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published regulations (40 CFR Part 82) eliminating the use and manufacturing of designated classes of ozone-depleting substances. A number of these substances are scheduled for phaseout and replacement with EPA-approved alternatives.

Policy

The Department's policy is to implement cost-effective programs to maximize use of alternatives to ozone-depleting substances. Requesting offices are to modify specifications and contracts that require the use of ozone-depleting substances to the extent practicable.

Requirements

The contracting officer shall insert the clause FAR 52.223-11, "Ozone-Depleting Substances" in solicitations and contracts for supplies containing or manufactured with ozone-depleting substances. Clause FAR 52.223-12, "Refrigeration Equipment and Air Conditioners," shall be inserted in requirements for services involving maintenance, repair, disposal of any equipment or appliance using ozone-depleting substances as a refrigerant. Equipment and appliances include air conditioners (including those in motor vehicles), refrigerators, chillers, and freezers. Refer to 40 CFR Part 82 for more details on ozone-depleting substances.