



Georgia Building Product EPP Database

There is now a directory of building products manufactured in Georgia designated as Environmentally Preferable Products (EPP) that is searchable on the Georgia Department of Economic Development's Georgia Facts website located at <http://www.georgiafacts.net>

As you view the directory of manufacturers, you'll see products indicated with a green EPP icon,  EPP. These products have been self-reported by the manufacturers as qualifying for EPP status based on guidelines developed by third-party criteria.

The purpose of this database, a joint effort between the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) and the Pollution Prevention Assistance Division (P²AD), was to create an on-line search mechanism that will: 1) assist the public and private sector building industry (e.g. owners, developers, architects, engineers, contractors, purchasing agents) in locating building products produced by manufacturers located in Georgia, and 2) assist the Georgia manufacturers of building products to promote the sustainability of their products to the public. Based on the existing database of manufacturers located in Georgia developed by GDEcD, over 2000 manufacturers in Georgia currently produce building products, with over 100 of them currently identified as manufacturers of EPP.

Environmentally Preferable Products  EPP are goods that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared to competing products that serve the same purpose. Environmentally preferable products include, but are not limited to, those that reduce toxicity and waste, contain recycled materials, minimize waste, conserve energy or water, and reduce the amount of toxins either disposed of or consumed.

Many building guidelines being used by the public sector (federal, state, and local governmental entities), the private sector and the military installations in Georgia promote the use of EPP building products. The production and use of EPP building products generally indicates that the materials, the production process, and the transportation and installation of the products have a low environmental impact and that resource-efficient materials have been used. The use of EPP products will enhance a building by reducing pollution, saving energy, avoiding toxic or hazardous constituents, using materials recovered during the manufacturing process, using materials recovered from the consumer, and /or using materials that are easily renewable within a 10 year period.

For more information about how to register your products as EPP, list your products in the manufacturing database, or about green building, please contact Adrienne Thorpe with P²AD at 404-657-7449 or Adrienne_Thorpe@p2ad.org

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