

# SIGNIFICANT NEW ALTERNATIVES POLICY

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**Environmental Attribute:** Alternatives to Ozone Depleting Chemicals

**Program Summary:** The Environmental Protection Agency's Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program was created to evaluate and regulate substitutes for the ozone-depleting chemicals that are being phased out under the stratospheric ozone protection provisions of the Clean Air Act (CAA). In Section 612(c) of the CAA, the Agency is authorized to identify and publish lists of acceptable and unacceptable substitutes for class I or class II ozone-depleting substances. EPA has identified a large number of alternatives that reduce overall risk to human health and the environment. The purpose of the program is to allow a safe, smooth transition away from ozone-depleting compounds by identifying substitutes that offer lower overall risks to human health and the environment.

**Covered Products:** SNAP identifies alternatives to ozone depleting substitutes for products in the following categories:

- Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
- Foam Blowing Agents
- Cleaning Solvents
- Fire Suppression and Explosion Protection
- Aerosols
- Sterilants
- Tobacco Expansion
- Adhesives, Coatings & Inks



EPA revises the alternatives lists frequently. Also, several alternatives are acceptable only for narrow uses, so it is important to review EPA's listings carefully.

For Schedule and SIN information, please refer to the [Green Product Crosswalk](#). On the master sheet, you can find information about specific products, icons, schedules, and SINs. By clicking on the drop down arrow at the top of each column, you can filter the entries based on your requirements.

**Certification:** Vendor self-declares.

**Summary of Federal Purchasing Requirements:** Federal agencies are required to maximize the use of safe alternatives to ozone-depleting substances as approved by EPA's Significant New Alternative Policy program.

