

Draft Specification for 'Laundry Detergent'

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Background

The team began working on this specification in order to close a gap in our specification coverage and to ensure complete specification coverage for the entirety of state agency clothing purchase, use, and disposal. Over the course of the past year the team did a critical analysis of existing third-party certifications, surveyed purchasing options for state agencies, and worked with Corcraft Industries to ensure not only did the specification lead to agencies purchase laundry detergent with a lower environmental footprint, but that it is as easy to procure products that meet it as possible. In addition, the specification is designed to be holistic and looks at the entirety of the laundry detergent purchasing process, from looking for products that have lower greenhouse gas emissions from shipping, to the composition of the detergents themselves, to ensuring that the proper amount is used and that the products purchased generate as little waste as possible.