

# Green Cleaning in New York State Schools

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# Green Cleaning Legislation

- **Green Cleaning Legislation (S 5435)**
  - Applies to Green Cleaning at schools
  - Implement by 9/01/06
  - OGS is lead agency with support from DEC, DOH, SED, and DOL

# Schools Legislation

- S 5435
  - To amend the Education Law and the State Finance Law to require elementary and secondary schools to procure and use environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products in schools, with assistance from, and in accordance with guidelines prescribed by, the Commissioner of the Office of General Services.

# Definition

- What are environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products?
  - for the purposes of implementing this law, defined as cleaning and maintenance **products that clean effectively and minimize adverse impacts on school children, employee health and the environment.**

# Green Cleaning Guidelines

- Comprehensive development process
- How schools should use the guidelines
- Related rules and guidelines
- Best Management Practices
- Change in sanitary paper products
- Commitment to update

# Product Categories

- General Purpose Cleaners
- Bathroom Cleaners
- Carpet Cleaners
- Glass, Windows, and Mirror Cleaners
- Hand Soaps
- Hard Floor Protection
  - Floor Finish
  - Floor Strippers
- Vacuum Cleaners

# Certification

- Green Seal or Environmental Choice
- Alternative protocol in absence of these certifications
- Vacuums - Carpet and Rug Institute Green Label

# Procurement

- OGS website listing of products
- Preferred Sources (Corcraft, IBNYS, NYSID)
- State Contract



# Implementation Challenges

- Response to Comments document located at <http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/bldgadmin/environmental/toc.html>
  - **Sorted comments into 54 categories, which included such issues as:**
    - Not adequately protecting children's health
    - Should not rely solely on Green Seal standards
    - Restrict use of disinfectants
    - Floor finish
    - Fragrances

# Next Steps

- Finalize alternative process for approved products
- Advanced Custodial Practices consulting contract
- Updating of GS-37 and other guideline provisions, product listings
- Reporting Requirement: By June 1, 2007