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The C-130 and C-5 system program offices introduced a nonchromated prepaint process within the corrosion control flight. The old process consisted of washing the aircraft and chemically removing the corrosion, followed by a hexavalent chromium conversion coating for corrosion protection and surface adhesion. This process produced a large hazardous liquid waste stream and required large amounts of personal protective equipment [PPE] to prevent injuries to the workers. The alodine replacement product called PreKote is a nonchromate conversion coating that eliminates hexavalent chromium in the waste stream and, most importantly, eliminates the hazardous chemical exposure to the work force. It's also saving the taxpayers in excess of $1 million each year.

Indeed, purchasing less hazardous materials not only minimizes personnel exposure while in use, but saves taxpayers' dollars by avoiding hazardous waste disposal fees on the back end.

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