

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 31, 'Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Consumer Products'

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-120-05-31

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 10/17/2019

End of Public Comment: 11/20/2019

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-17.1-2(19)

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-23

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of this regulation is to limit volatile organic compound emissions from consumer products. The Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Resources is proposing to amend the regulation to clarify compliance dates, add a sell-through period, and ban the use of methylene chloride in consumer paint and coating removal products.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until November 20, 2019 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

There is no demonstrated need to revise these regulations. The clarification of dates in the rule is a technical correction only. A sell-through period was added to minimize the generation of unnecessary waste from manufacturers disposing of non-compliant products. The ban of methylene chloride in consumer paint and coating removal products is consistent with federal guidelines and is proposed to be added to the rule so that state and federal standards are the same.

The Office of Air Resources has determined that implementation of the amendments to Part 31 would not have a significant adverse economic impact on small businesses or cities and towns in the State.

A fact sheet that more fully describes the proposed revision to the regulation as well as copies of the proposed, revised regulation is available under Proposed Regulations on the Department's website.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.