

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Prohibition of Hydrofluorocarbons in Specific End-Uses

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-120-05-53

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Adoption

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 04/16/2021

End of Public Comment: 05/17/2021

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-17.12(19)

R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-23

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of this rule is to reduce hydrofluorocarbon emissions by adopting specific prohibitions for certain substances in air conditioning and refrigeration equipment, aerosol propellants, and foam end-uses.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed adoption until May 17, 2021 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:

The regulation applies to any person who sells, offers for sale, leases, rents installs, uses, or manufacturers or otherwise cause to be entered into commerce, within the State of Rhode Island, any product or equipment that uses or will use a substance in end-uses listed in § 53.6 of this Part.

The proposed regulation could have an adverse impact on small businesses. The result of the analysis determines that Rhode Island businesses will not be significantly impacted by the rule and greenhouse gas emissions reductions will provide significant benefits to Rhode Island. Please refer to the cost-benefit analysis for additional details.

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