

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION: Office of Air Resources

RULE IDENTIFIER: 250-RICR-120-05-26

RULE TITLE: Part 26 “Control of Organic Solvent Emissions from Manufacturers of Synthetic Pharmaceutical Products”

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The purpose of this regulation is to limit volatile organic compound emissions from the manufacture of synthesized pharmaceutical products. The Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Resources is proposing to eliminate portions of the regulation that no longer apply. Additionally, the regulation has been updated to current RI Code of Regulations (RICR) format which required the addition of an incorporated materials section. There are no new requirements being proposed.

ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE

EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE: not applicable

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: The only comment made was by the US Environmental Protection Agency. The comments did not require changing any text in the proposed rule. The Decision addressing USEPA comments is attached.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: There were no changes to the rule as a result of comments received.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: The revisions are required by federal regulations. No alternative approaches were considered. The Office of Air Resources has identified no state regulations that overlap or duplicate the proposed amendments. The proposed revisions do not impose any new requirements on regulated entities including any small businesses or any city or town, therefore there is no significant adverse economic impact.

DATE THE FINAL RULE WAS SIGNED BY THE AGENCY HEAD: