



# FACT SHEET

**In re: Proposed revisions to 250-RICR-120-05-31 “Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Consumer Products”**

## **Introduction**

The Department of Environmental Management (DEM), Office of Air Resources, is proposing to amend 250-RICR-120-05-31 “Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Consumer Products” (Part 31). Part 31 limits volatile organic compound emissions from consumer products.

## **Description of Proposed Amendments**

The proposed amendments clarify the compliance date for multipurpose solvent and paint thinners, and the compliance date for bathroom and tile cleaners, construction, panel, and floor covering adhesives, electronic cleaners labeled as energized electronic equipment use only, general purpose cleaners, oven or grill cleaners, that contain methylene chloride, perchloroethylene or trichloroethylene. The proposed amendments ban the use of methylene chloride in consumer paint and coating removal products consistent with federal rules. A sell through section for products manufactured prior to the effective date of the new VOC content limits is also proposed.

## **Demonstration of Need**

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.

## **Alternative Approaches Considered**

No alternative approaches were considered.

## **Identification of Overlapped or Duplicated State Regulations**

The Office of Air Resources has identified no state regulations that overlap or duplicate the proposed amendments.

**Determination of Significant Adverse Economic Impact on Small Business or Any City or Town**

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.

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