



FACT SHEET

In re: Proposed revisions to 250-RICR-120-05-33 “Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Architectural and Industrial Maintenance Coatings”

Introduction

The Department of Environmental Management (DEM), Office of Air Resources, is proposing to amend, 250-RICR-120-05-33 “Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Architectural Coatings and Industrial Maintenance Coatings” (Part 33). Part 33 limits volatile organic compound emissions from the architectural and industrial maintenance (AIM) coatings.

Description of Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendment adds a volatile organic compound (VOC) standard for fire-resistive coatings.

Demonstration of Need

Rhode Island is a member state of the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC), an organization set up by Congress under the Clean Air Act (CAA) which is composed of 13 entities in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic regions. The OTC develops model rules for the member states to use to reduce the emissions of ground-level ozone precursors. Adoption of OTC Model Rules by all member States ensures regulatory consistency throughout the region to address these pollutants. OTC AIM Coatings Model Rules are based on California Air Resources Board (CARB) rules as well. In updating the OTC model rule the VOC content limit for fire-resistive coatings was inadvertently left out of the model rule Part 33 is based on. At the request of the American Coatings Association (ACA) the model rule has been updated to include an emissions limit for fire-resistive coatings. The ACA requested that RI update Part 33 to include this limit.

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 33 would not have a significant adverse economic impact on small businesses or cities and towns in the State.

For more information or copies of the proposed amendments contact:

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