

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

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**Title of Rule:** Control of VOC Emissions from Fiberglass Boat Manufacturing

**Rule Identifier:** 250-RICR-120-05-51

**Rulemaking Action:** Proposed Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: 02/24/2021

End of Public Comment: 03/29/2021

**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 emissions of volatile organic compounds from fiberglass boat manufacturing operations. The Department is proposing amend Part 51 by adding a definition for "Fiberglass Boat Manufacturing Facility" to clarify what sources Part 51 applies to. The proposed definition includes potential NAICS codes for affected sources, consistent with EPA guidance documents, as well as simplifying the applicability language to clearly define who is subject to the rule. The proposed amendments do not change the sources subject to the emissions limitations only clarify.

Although R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, require that an oral hearing be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by one (1) or more persons during the public comment period.

**Additional Information and Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until March 29, 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:**

Clarification of the definition of fiberglass boat manufacturing facility is needed as there is some confusion as to who the emissions limitations apply to as currently written. Addition of NAICS codes of affected sources, consistent with EPA guidance documents, and simplifying applicability language clarifies the intent of the rule.

The Office of Air Resources has determined that the proposed amendments to Part 51 would not have a significant adverse economic impact on small businesses or cities and towns in the State.

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