

State of Rhode Island  
Department of Environmental Management  
Office of Air Resources

**In re: Proposed revisions to 250-RICR-120-05-36, “Control of Emissions from Organic Solvent Cleaning”**

DECISION

**Introduction**

On February 4, 2022 a notice was posted on the websites of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RI DEM) and the Rhode Island Office of Secretary of State and was sent to interested parties announcing a public comment period to accept comments on the adoption of proposed revisions to 250-RICR-120-05-36, “Control of Emissions from Organic Solvent Cleaning”. No requests for a public hearing were received. The public comment period ended at 4:00 PM on March 9, 2022.

The purpose of this regulation is to limit volatile organic compound emissions from solvent cleaning operations.

Written comments were received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The following are the Office of Air Resources' responses to the comments received:

**Response to Comments**

**Comment:** Rhode Island should also add the NESHAP definition for “solvent/air interface area” because this term is used in APC Part 36 (see 36.5.(A)(33), 36.15.1(A)(3), and 36.15.1(B)(3)).

**Response:** The following definition has added:

*“Solvent/air interface area” means for a vapor cleaning machine, the surface area of the solvent vapor zone that is exposed to the air; for an in-line cleaning machine, it is the total surface area of all the sumps; for a cold cleaning machine, it is the surface area of the liquid solvent that is exposed to the air.*

**Comment:** In section 36.5(A)(38), we believe you intended to include a definition for "Soils" and if so, would need to add the missing "s."

**Response:** The definition has been corrected

**Decision**

It is the decision of the Department to amend the draft 250-RICR-120-05-36, “Control of Emissions from Organic Solvent Cleaning” as indicated in the response to comments above. The final amended regulation is appended to this Decision.

May 3, 2022

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