

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

**In re: Proposed amendment of 250-RICR-120-05-19, 'Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Surface Coating Operations'**

DECISION

**Introduction**

On July 28, 2025, a notice was posted on the websites of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RI DEM) and the Rhode Island Department of State and was emailed to interested parties announcing a public comment period to accept comments on the amendments to 250-RICR-120-05-19, “Control of VOC Emissions from Surface Coating Operations” (Part 19). The notice stated that a public hearing would be held if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. No request for a public hearing was received. The public comment period ended at 4:00 PM on August 29, 2025. No comments were received.

The Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), Office of Air Resources (OAR), is proposing to amend 250-RICR-120-05-19 “Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Coating Operations” (Part 19). Part 19 limits volatile organic compound emissions from various surface coating operations. Part 19 is being amended to add definitions for clarification and to make corrections to definitions that were unintentionally overlooked during the amendments to the rule in 2019. Additionally, the General Requirements section of the rule is being amended for further clarification. Specifically, Section 19.14 has been added to remind the facility that they will be subject to Part 29 if they reach these thresholds and/or subject to 250-RICR-120-05-9 should they install air pollution control equipment. In an effort to make the rule easier to understand for the user, portions of the regulation that no longer apply have been eliminated from the regulation.

**Decision**

It is the decision of the Department to amend 250-RICR-120-05-19, “Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Coating Operations” as proposed. The final amended rule is appended to this Decision.

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Date

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