

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Surface Coating Operations (250-RICR-120-05-19)

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-120-05-19

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: July 28, 2025

End of Public Comment: August 29, 2025

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-17.1-2(19) and R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 23-23

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Summary of Rulemaking Action:

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. This is not a new requirement.

In an effort to make the rule easier to understand for the user portions of the regulation that no longer apply are being eliminated from the regulation.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until August 29, 2025 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 a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The Office of Air Resources has determined that implementation of the amendments to Part 19 would not have a significant adverse economic impact on small businesses or cities and towns in the State. Based on facility data OAR currently has on file we believe this change will only impact one coating used at one source in RI. The impact to that source will be minimal.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.