



FACT SHEET

In re: Proposed Revisions to 250-RICR-120-05-30 “Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Automobile Refinishing Operations”

Introduction

The Department of Environmental Management (DEM), Office of Air Resources, is proposing to revise air pollution control regulation, 250-RICR-120-05-30 “Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Automobile Refinishing Operations” (“Part 30”). Part 30 limits emissions of volatile organic compounds from automobile refinishing operations.

Description of Proposed Amendments

This regulation is being amended to change the requirement to submit annually to the Office of Air Resources a registration that outlined the use and totals of volatile organic compounds that are emitted in a calendar year. This requirement is being changed to require the facility to annually keep records of this determination and maintain for five (5) years on site. The records are to be made available to the Department and EPA upon request.

The timeframe required to keep records is also being changed from three (3) years to five (5) years to be consistent with air pollution control regulation 250-RICR-120-05-14 “Recordkeeping and Reporting” which requires five (5) years of records to be maintained on site.

The regulation is also being amended to fix numbering and remove outdated language.

Demonstration of Need

The changes to the regulation are needed to update the timeframe to be consistent among other air pollution control regulations, and change recordkeeping requirements.

The changes to the regulation are needed, in part, to make portions of the regulation fully approvable by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Portions of the regulation in 250-RICR-120-05-30 will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval in Rhode Island's State Implementation Plan when the amendments are finalized in Rhode Island. The proposed amendments will make Part 30 approvable by EPA for incorporation into the RI SIP, meeting all mandatory provisions of 40 CFR Part 51.

Alternative Approaches Considered

Alternatives were not considered as the updates make the regulation consistent with other air pollution control regulations and provide a different method of recordkeeping for facilities.

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 proposed changes to the regulation have been determined to not have a significant adverse economic impact on small business, cities, or towns in the State. The proposed changes would provide less financial burden on facilities with the removal of need to submit to the Office of Air Resources an annual registration.

For more information or copies of documents related to this proposal, contact:

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