

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

**In re: Proposed amendment to 250-RICR-130-05-30 Control of Volatile Organic
Compounds from Automobile Refinishing Operations”**

DECISION

Introduction

On April 14, 2026, 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 sent to interested parties announcing a proposed amendments to 250-RICR-130-05-30 (Part 30) “Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Automobile Refinishing Operations.” 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 May 15, 2026. No comments were received.

The purpose of the amendment was 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 The regulation was also being amended to fix numbering and remove outdated language.

The revision does not impose any new requirements on regulated entities including any small businesses or any city or town; therefore, there is no adverse economic impact.

Response to Objections

No objections were received.

Decision

It is the decision of the Department to amend 250-RICR-120-05-30, “Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Automobile Refinishing Operations” as proposed. The final amended regulation is appended to this Decision.

5/19/2026 _____
Date

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