

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Automobile Refinishing Operations (250-RICR-120-05-30)

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-120-05-30

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: April 14, 2026

End of Public Comment: May 15, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

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

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This rule is being amended to change the requirement to submit annual 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 the USEPA upon request.

The timeframe required to keep records is being changes from three (3) years to five (5) years to be consistent with air pollution control regulation 250-RICR-120-05-14 "Record Keeping and Reporting" which required five (5) years of records to be maintained on site.

The regulation is also being amended to fix numbering and remove outdated language.

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 May 15, 2026 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 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.

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