

Board Adopts Final Notice Amendments to Volatile Organic Material Rules

The Illinois Pollution Control Board, on April 19, 2007, sent to final notice a proposal amending the volatile organic material (VOM) rules for the Chicago and Metro-East ozone nonattainment areas. The amendments allow for the use of add-on controls as a compliance option for operations using cold cleaning solvent degreasing. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency filed the rulemaking proposal entitled In the Matter of: Organic Material Emission Standards and Limitations for the Chicago and Metro-East Areas: Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Code 218 and 219 (R06-21) on December 22, 2005. Also included, are amendments to the “paper coating” note at Appendix H in Parts 218 and 219.

The Board adopted first notice rules on September 21, 2006. The final-notice proposal is substantively unchanged from that adopted in the Board’s second-notice opinion and order.

These amendments revise cold cleaning degreaser rules in the Chicago and Metro-East ozone nonattainment areas by making parallel changes to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.182(c) and (d) and 219.182(c) and (d). The revisions allow for the sale of solvents with vapor pressure greater than 1.0 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) in units greater than five gallons, but only if the purchaser provides a copy of a valid state or federal construction or operating permit or a copy of a *Federal Register* notice demonstrating that the source is in compliance with add-on control requirements, or is exempt. The provision at Section 218.182(c)(3)(B) allows the operation of a cold cleaning degreaser using a solvent with a vapor pressure greater than 1.0 mmHg, but only if the source is in compliance with the add-on control requirements or is exempt.

The amendments set control requirements for add-on controls at Section 218.182(c)(4). Subsection (c)(4)(A) requires sources using solvents with vapor pressures greater than 1.0 mmHg but less than 56 mmHg to control their emissions to an overall capture and control efficiency of no less than 95 percent. At subsection (c)(4)(B), the requirements for equivalent alternative emissions control plans stipulate that emissions from a solvent with a vapor pressure of 1.0 mmHg shall be the basis for assessment of equivalent emissions for any proposed control plan. Further, if used as an equivalent alternative control plan, an add-on control must have at least 95 percent reduction in VOM emissions.

Currently operating add-on controls must be tested by August 31, 2007, and newly constructed add-on controls would have to be tested within 90 days after startup. The testing procedures, monitoring, and recordkeeping provisions for add-on controls and equivalent alternative control plans are now consistent with the provisions in Section 218.105 and Section 219.105, which require that the control devices be operated and maintained at the manufacturer’s specifications and continuously monitored to assure operation at the required compliance levels. All records must be kept for a minimum of three years.

The Board also took this opportunity to ensure consistency with the already-amended “paper coating” note at Sections 218.204(c) and 219.204(c). The note at those Sections was amended, effective on May 15, 2006, in Clean-Up Part III Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 211, 218, and 219, R04-20, Technical Corrections to Formulas in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 214 “Sulfur Limitations”, R04-12 (cons.) (May 4, 2006). However,

amendments to the same “paper coating” note at Appendix H in Parts 218 and 219 were inadvertently omitted in R04-12/20. In R06-21, to correct the oversight, the Board proposed for first notice those previously omitted amendments to the “paper coating” note at Appendix H in Parts 218 and 219.

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