

Federal Autobody Refinishing Regulations

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued national regulations to control air emissions from paint stripping and miscellaneous surface coating operations.

If you are the owner or operator of an autobody shop you may be subject to this regulation. It affects those facilities performing paint stripping operations using paint strippers containing Methylene Chloride (MeCl) and those facilities performing a surface coating operation.

Any shop subject to this regulation must submit the "[Initial Notification](#)" form to the EPA and a copy to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Customer & Technical Assistance before January 11, 2010.

The following links are provided for your assistance:

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations; Final Rule

<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/area/fr09ja08.pdf>

This EPA brochure provides information and requirements for the regulation:

http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/area/paint_stripb.pdf

This is a brief summary for Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations at Autobody Refinishing Shops:

<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/area/autobodybs.doc>

This is a brief summary for Miscellaneous Paint Stripping Operations:

http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/area/paint_stripbs.doc

This is a brief summary for Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations:

http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/area/misc_coatbs.doc

This is a copy of the Initial Notification Form:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/assist/abdycert/initial.pdf>

TRAINING AND WEBINARS

EPA will be holding a work shop and two free webinars in early 2010 to explain the requirements of EPA's new air toxics regulation affecting auto body shops and miscellaneous operations doing spray coating.

The Webinars:

A webinar is a training event in which you can view a Power Point presentation over the Internet from your home or office computer and listen to the presentation either from the speakers in your computer or via a phone line. The webinars will explain the compliance requirements for the new rule and how to complete the required initial notification form. Participants in webinar will receive certification that they have been trained in how to comply with this new regulation, which is part of the required training under this new regulation. The webinars will last about an hour and 15 minutes. There will also be no charge for the webinars.

To register online for the webinar scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, from 5:30 pm. to 7:00 p.m., go to:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/716058586>.

To register for the webinar scheduled for Thursday, January 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., go to:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/381699714>.

The Workshop:

The workshop, held in cooperation with the Rhode Island Auto Body Association will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at New England Tech, 2500 Post Road, Warwick, Rhode Island, in the Hall of Fame Room. Participants in workshop will receive certification that they have been trained in how to comply with this new regulation, which is part of the required training under this new regulation. The workshop will last about an hour and 15 minutes.

To register for the no-cost workshop and learn more details, please email Anthony Victoria of the Rhode Island Auto Body Association at "tony@asabri.com", he can also be reached at 401-884-2300 by December 31, 2009.