

REGULATORY ALERT FOR SURFACE COATING

For Confidential Compliance Assistance, contact:

- Empire State Development **Small Business Environmental Ombudsman** at 1-877-247-2329
- NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation **Small Business Environmental Assistance Program** to determine if you are affected, call 1-800-780-7227 or visit www.efc.ny.gov/SBEAP/Part228-1

Major Changes to the NYS Surface Coating Regulation

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has recently made changes to its Surface Coating Processes regulation (6 NYCRR Subpart 228-1). These changes include:

- 1) Lowering applicability threshold limits for some surface coating processes – this expands the number of surface coating processes that are now subject to State permitting, record keeping, emission control, and other requirements;
- 2) Lowering the current Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) content limits for certain coatings – this requires some surface coating processes to switch to lower-VOC coatings;
- 3) Adding new categories – limits VOC content for coatings/processes that were not specifically regulated;
- 4) Requires high efficiency coating application such as HVLP spray guns for metal & plastic parts and most wood finishing; and
- 5) All facilities located in the New York City metropolitan area (includes Rockland, Westchester & all of Long Island) and Lower Orange County must comply.

To access the Surface Coating Processes regulation, please visit the DEC website: www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4214.html





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