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States implement VOC regulations

The roofing industry in several Northeast and mid-Atlantic states became fully compliant with new volatile organic compound (VOC) regulations Jan. 1. Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Washington, D.C., came

into full compliance; Vermont and New Hampshire still are considering their approaches to regulations.

VOCs are regulated because high levels of VOC emissions may contribute to ground-level ozone formation. As part of the effort

to achieve federally mandated standards in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic, the Ozone Transport Commission developed a Model Rule for adhesives and sealants. The model was based on regulations used in California and incorporates provisions that are effective primarily in that state's climatic and market conditions. However, these conditions and practices differ significantly from those in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic.

Based on concerns raised by the EPDM Roofing Association (ERA), several states incorporated a seasonal implementation schedule into draft regulations, and others have drafted language to incorporate a seasonal implementation schedule into their final regulations. These changes have allowed sufficient time to test and phase in new low-VOC materials, make process changes to meet the new standards and train state contractors.

ERA is monitoring full implementation of new VOC regulations and will maintain an up-to-date listing of the regulations and their implementation schedules on its website, www.epdmroofs.org.



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