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EPA National VOC Rule

EPA plans to issue its proposed **revisions to the National Consumer Products Rule** in May 2008 and the final regulation in August. EPA will propose to incorporate the new VOC limits contained in the Ozone Transport Commission's Model Consumer Products Rule. Currently, EPA is considering two compliance date options for the revised National Rule: August 2009 (one year after publication of the final rule), or May 2009 (beginning of ozone season, so State credit will not be compromised)

EPA's Proposed Ban of nPB in Aerosols

On, May 15, 2007, the U.S. EPA published (on its website) the intent to propose a rule to restrict the chemical n-propyl bromide (nPB) in aerosol solvents and adhesive carrier solvents under the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program, which approves substitutes for ozone-depleting substances under the Clean Air Act. EPA asserts that based on available exposure and toxicity data the use of nPB in these industrial aerosol applications may not sufficiently protect human health. More information is available at: http://www.epa.gov/Ozone/snap/solvents/FactSheet_ProposalnPB5907.html

Companies that manufacture industrial-use aerosol products, particularly industrial degreasers have quickly mobilized and through a taskforce within CSPA and have submitted three sets of comments and technical data to U.S. EPA opposing this ban. EPA is currently considering this data and CSPA's comments. A decision is expected in late 2008. If you are interested in participating in this CSPA effort, please contact Andy Hackman at: ahackman@cspa.org.

EPA Consumer Products Partnership Program

EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards held a public meeting in March to initiate a new program called the "**Consumer Products Environmental Partnership.**" In summary, this program will provide opportunities for industry-government partnerships that can have positive effects for industry and for the public. EPA believes that consumers can be made aware of the environmental attributes of the consumer products and coating and product manufacturers can be recognized for their efforts to improve the environmental performance of their products and production facilities.

California

CARB Continues Work on 2008 Consumer Product Regulations

CARB is currently continuing work on the first phase of the 2008 Consumer Product Regulations that will be finalized in June of 2008. Below is a summary table of the current categories of products that are being considered:

CATEGORY	NEW CARB PROPOSED VOC LIMIT	OLD CARB PROPOSED LIMIT	ASPA CONSENSUS POSITION	Proposed EFFECTIVE DATE	NOTES
Automotive Wash/Cleaner	0.2%	2% RTU 0.1% Dilutable	0.2%	12/31/2010	No Toxics
Tire/Wheel Cleaner Aerosols	8%	6%, 0.1%	8%	12/31/2010	No Toxics
Tire or Wheel Cleaner Non-Aerosols	2%	0.1	2%	12/31/2010	No Toxics
Windshield Water Repellent	75%	11%	75%, 2012 Effective Date	12/31/2010	
Glass Cleaner Aerosols	10%	7%	12%	12/31/2012	
Penetrants and MP Lubricants	25% & 10%	45%	45% or possible PWMIR	12/31/2013, 12/31/2015	No Toxics

ASPA will continue to coordinate our positions and arguments on these product categories through our Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Please email Andy Hackman (ahackman@cspa.org) if you are not already participating in the TAC and would like to become involved.

CARB VOC Tax

In March, CARB released its final assessment for its **2007-08 VOC Tax**, a program now in its fifth year. CARB's fee (or more appropriately "tax") rate for VOC use increased 12% from the previous year to \$120.11 per ton. APA continues to seek opportunities for lobbying the California Legislature to eliminate this unwarranted and unproductive tax.

The OTC / Midwest Region

ASPA continues to participate in industry efforts to ensure that **Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, and Midwest States** promulgate uniform consumer products regulations. Ensuring promulgation of uniform and consistent regulations in each of these states presents a daunting challenge. Nearly every state in the OTC Region and the Midwest LADCO region except Wisconsin, Rhode Island, and Vermont have chosen to begin some action on the OTC model rule. The new OTC model rule establishes additional VOC limits for the following automotive related product categories:

<u>Product Category</u>	<u>VOC Limit</u>
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Electrical Cleaner	45
Electronic Cleaner	75
Graffiti Remover	
Aerosol	50
Non-aerosol	30
Automotive Brake Cleaners	45
Automotive Rubbing or Polishing Compound	17
Automotive Wax, Polish, Sealant or Glaze:	
Hard Paste Waxes	45
Instant Detailers	3
All Other Forms	15
Automotive Windshield Washer Fluids	35
Bathroom and Tile Cleaners:	
Aerosols	7
All Other Forms	5
Bug and Tar Remover	40
Carburetor or Fuel-Injection Air Intake Cleaners	45
Engine Degreasers:	
Aerosol	35
Non-Aerosol	5
General Purpose Cleaners:	
Aerosols	10
Non-Aerosols	4
General Purpose Degreasers:	
Aerosols	50
Non-Aerosols	4
Glass Cleaners:	
Aerosols	12
Non-Aerosols	4
Multi-Purpose Lubricant (Excluding Solid or Semi-Solid Products)	50

- The **Massachusetts** Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) published its final consumer products regulation in late October 2007. The provisions of the new regulation will take effect January 1, 2009. While MassDEP's final regulation incorporates most of CSPA's recommended revisions, ASPA is very concerned that the MassDEP's final regulation does *not* contain an Alternative Control Plan (ACP) provision.
- In November 2007 **Pennsylvania** Environmental Quality Board's (Board's) public hearing on proposed revisions to the Commonwealth's existing consumer products regulation.
- **Virginia**'s Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued notice that it intends to consider a proposal to adopt new and revised VOC standards in December 2007.

- The **Illinois** EPA (IEPA) issued its formal proposed consumer products regulation to the Illinois Pollution Control Board (Board) in early January 2008. As a result of ASPA's active regulatory advocacy actions during the second half of 2007, the IEPA's proposed regulation is largely consistent with the OTC Model Rule and other states' regulations based on that model.

ASPA Events

ASPA Holds Successful 2007 Winter Meeting

Over 50 attendees took part in ASPA's 2007 Winter Meeting, which took place December 4-5, 2007 at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This meeting featured outstanding speakers, addressing: Green Products, Innovative Business Models, and New Product Technologies.



Larry Easterlin, of Technical Chemical Company and Chairman of ASPA stated that, "This meeting is incredibly important in bring the industry together to ensure that we are all on the same page as we prepare for the challenges in the marketplace and in future regulations." Attendees also evaluated this meeting as one of the best agendas for an ASPA to date.

The PowerPoint presentations from this meeting will shortly be available on ASPA's website (www.aspalliance.org) under the regulatory section. If you have questions about this meeting, please email ahackman@cspa.org or call: (202) 833-7328.

ASPA Spring Meeting June 3-4 in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas



As announced at the Winter Meeting, ASPA's Spring Meeting will be taking place **June 3-4** in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas. This meeting will feature a unique set of topics that will be essential for the future of the automotive chemical and appearance industry. **ASPA Members will also have an exciting opportunity to see the Texas Rangers on the evening of June 3!**

ASPA hopes that this meeting will provide insight and information that will have a bottom-line impact for ASPA members. Registration materials will be emailed to members in 2008, but please email ahackman@cspa.org if you have any questions about the meeting. ASPA looks forward to seeing all our members in Texas this coming June!