

Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy
Air Quality Division
Administrative Rules for Part 6. Emission Limitations and Prohibitions – Existing Sources of VOC
Emissions
Rule Set 2022-18 EQ

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, October 26, 2022
01:00 PM

In Person: Ford Conference Room, 2nd Floor, South Tower, Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan Street,
Lansing, MI 48933

Virtual: <https://bit.ly/3cSr0B9> To join by phone: 636-651-3142, conference code 374288

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Part 6. Emission Limitations and Prohibitions – Existing Sources of VOC Emissions rule set.

The proposed rule set (2022-18 EQ) will amend the current Part 6 containing rules developed to fulfill the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) 42 U.S.C 7401 et seq., requirements referred to as “Reasonably Available Control Technologies” (RACT). They are necessary to address moderate nonattainment area provisions for National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). For past standards, EGLE promulgated RACT rules for existing VOC sources in the nonattainment areas established under those standards. With the establishment of a new standard, the state must:

- 1) Revise existing RACT rules to align with the most recent recommendations contained in the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (USEPA) Control Technique Guidelines (CTGs) as required by the CAA Section 182(b)(2).
- 2) Evaluate VOC sources in the NAAQS nonattainment areas based on the more recently recreated CTG categories.
- 3) Promulgate new rules setting or revising emission standards and operational requirements for certain types of existing emission sources applicable to CTGs, beyond those established as rules under the previous standards, for the nonattainment areas. These nonattainment areas consist of the following counties: Allegan (partial), Berrien, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Muskegon (partial), Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne.

Additionally, the CAA requires Michigan to show reasonable further progress by reducing VOC emissions in the nonattainment areas by fifteen percent from the baseline year. To meet this requirement, beyond the reductions gained from implementing VOC RACT rules, EGLE has also revised and drafted additional rules that address volatile chemical products.

If approved, the rules will be submitted to the USEPA as an amendment to the Michigan State Implementation Plan (SIP). The comment period and hearing will fulfill requirements contained in the state administrative rules and the CAA.

By authority conferred on the director of the department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy by sections 5503 and 5512 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.5503 and 324.5512, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1995-16, 2009-31, and 2011-1, MCL 324.99903, 324.99919, and 324.99921.

The proposed rules will take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State. The proposed rules are published on the State of Michigan’s website at www.michigan.gov/ARD and in the 10/15/2022 issue of the Michigan Register. Copies of these proposed rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic mail at the following email address: McdonaldT@Michigan.gov.

Comments on these proposed rules may be made at the hearing, by mail, or by electronic mail at the following addresses until 10/26/2022 at 05:00PM.

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The public hearing will be conducted in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. If the hearing is held at a physical location, the building will be accessible with handicap parking available. Anyone needing assistance to take part in the hearing due to disability may call 616-581-0044 to make arrangements.