



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Auto Refinishing Rule Changes

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Overview:

- Rule 326 IAC 8-10 requires auto refinishers to use paint with low volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and to operate according to good housekeeping procedures.
- The rule previously applied only to auto refinishers located in Lake, Porter, Clark and Floyd Counties. The automobile refinishing rule (326 IAC 8-10) was recently revised to expand its applicability to all counties statewide.
- As of June 1, 2009, 326 IAC 8-10 now applies to any auto body shop that refinishes the equivalent of three or more motor vehicles per year.
- The only activities exempt from 326 IAC 8-10 include the application of aerosol coating products, graphic design application, and touch-up coating application.

Regulated Community Requirements:

- Auto refinishers must use low VOC coatings described in 326 IAC 8-10-4.
- Rule 326 IAC 8-10-5 requires auto refinishers to follow several work practice standards, including:
 - The use of covered spray gun cleaners.
 - The use of electrostatic equipment or HVLP spray equipment.
 - The implementation of good housekeeping practices.
 - The development and implementation of written and hands-on training procedures.
- Paint manufacturers and suppliers must provide coating and surface preparation product information as dictated by 326 IAC 8-10-6.
- Auto refinishers must maintain records of jobs completed, information regarding coating products used, and training records for 326 IAC 8-10-9.

IDEM's Role:

- The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is responsible for protecting human health and the environment while providing for safe industrial, agricultural, and commercial operations vital to a prosperous economy.
- IDEM's Office of Air Quality is responsible for protecting air quality in Indiana through the implementation of federal, regional, and state control measures, regulations, and ambient monitoring.
- IDEM's Compliance and Technical Assistance Program offers confidential compliance assistance to any auto refinishing shop owner/operator requiring help in understanding 326 IAC 8-10. Please see below for contact information.
- Inspectors from IDEM's Office of Air Quality will begin conducting unannounced inspections at random facilities throughout the state to verify compliance with 326 IAC 8-10.

More Information:

- For more information, please visit IDEM's Web site at <http://www.in.gov/idem/4111.htm>.
- For questions and concerns regarding compliance inspections, please contact IDEM's Office of Air Quality at (317) 233-0432, or (800) 451-6027 ext. 3-0432, or by e-mail at vison@idem.IN.gov.
- For confidential compliance assistance, please contact IDEM's Compliance and Technical Assistance Office, at (317) 233-1039, or (800) 988-7901, or by e-mail at mstoddar@idem.IN.gov.