



EPA Methylene Chloride Fact Sheet

THE RULE DOES NOT BAN THE SALE OF MECL REMOVERS, NOR DOES IT PROHIBIT THEIR USE BY INDIVIDUALS OR BUSINESSES, INCLUDING COLLISION SHOPS

NATIONAL EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS (NESHAP) – SUBPART HHHHHH – FINAL RULE (EPA Code of Federal Regulation, Title 40, Part 63, Subpart HHHHHH)

Summary of Regulations Controlling Air Emissions from Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations

This Fact Sheet will only address “Paint Stripping Operations Using Methylene Chloride (MeCl)”. Please refer to the actual rule for further definition of this operation, other operations affected, reporting and training requirements, source definitions, and compliance dates. *This Fact Sheet is intended for reference only.*

General Information

1. Shops must file an “Initial Notification” by 1/10/2010, if they engage in chemical stripping or spray application of coatings. A copy of the form can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/collisionrepair/pdfs/initialnotification.pdf>
2. The goal of the regulation is to reduce the amount of MeCl emitted to the atmosphere.
3. The regulation requires shops to evaluate the need for chemical stripping, and to evaluate MeCl-free stripping alternatives, if any, on a job-by-job basis.
4. There are specific reporting requirements for higher volume paint stripping operations.
5. There are several recordkeeping requirements that must be in place by January 2011, including painter training certifications, spray booth documentation, MSDS’, annual usage of MeCl and minimization plans, along with other information regarding coatings applications.

EPA Summary Information for each process, including contact information and required forms:

Auto Refinishing Shops Summary

<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/area/autobodybs.doc>

Paint Stripping Operations Summary

http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/area/paint_stripbs.doc

Brochure with Summary of the Rule

http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/area/paint_stripb.pdf