



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC 27711

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OFFICE OF
AIR QUALITY PLANNING
AND STANDARDS

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Air Quality: Revision to Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds

RE: Federal Register, Vol. 57, No. 207, 48490
40 CFR Part 51
(FRL-4129-1)

TO: General Release

Summary: The EPA is proposing to revise its definition of volatile organic compounds (VOC) for purposes of preparing State implementation plans (SIP's) to attain the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ozone under title I of the Clean Air Act. The proposed revision would add perchloroethylene to the list of compounds excluded from the definition of VOC on the basis that it has negligible photochemical reactivity and thus does not contribute to tropospheric ozone formation. Perchloroethylene is a solvent commonly used in dry cleaning maskant operations, and degreasing.

Dates: Comments on this proposal must be received by December 28, 1992. Requests for a hearing should be submitted to William Johnson by November 25, 1992, at the address below.

For Further Information: Contact William Johnson, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Management Division (MD-15), RTP, NC 27711, phone (919) 541-5245. Interested persons may call Mr. Johnson to see if a hearing will be held and the date and locating of any hearing.