

VOCs

Volatile Organic Compounds, or VOCs, are carbon containing chemical compounds that readily evaporate into the atmosphere, damaging the ozone layer. Common examples of products which emit VOCs include gasoline, mineral spirits, alcohol, nail polish, and paint.

Large industry and transportation are responsible for the majority of VOC emissions, and lawmakers have been regulating VOC emissions from these sources for many years. Recently, lawmakers have also begun to regulate smaller sources, including paint and coating manufacturers.

California was the first state to pass regulations that limited the VOC content of paints and coatings. Other states are now doing the same. These standards are driven through a multi-state organization call the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC). The OTC focuses on developing regional solutions to ground-level ozone problems in the mid-Atlantic and Northeast region of the United States and provides model rules for adoption by the individual states. To date, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, northern Virginia, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire and Connecticut have either enacted new VOC standards or are in the process of enacting legislation to limit the levels of VOCs in consumer products, with a limit established for each individual product category.

It is important to note that the new VOC regulations do not prohibit the use of oil-based products, only those manufactured with solvents containing a high level of VOCs. With the Woodguard product line, this is not a concern and never has been. The Woodguard line of products offered by ISK Biocides, Inc. easily meets the new standards for VOC content. ISK Biocides, Inc. is committed to providing our customers with products that both protect the environment and preserve nature's beauty. Our products were low in VOC content before VOC compliance was an issue.

If you have questions or need specific information about the VOC content of our products, please click on "contact us" on our website (www.woodguard.com) or call 800-248-7961.