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START ACTION NOTICE

- 1. TYPE OF ACTION: Adopt new federal area source standard into 7 DE Admin. Code 1138, Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories applicable to new and existing paint stripping operations.
- 2. PURPOSE OF ACTION: Congress sought to reduce cancer and non-cancer health risks due to the exposure to hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) in the 1990 Amendments to the Clean Air Act. Under Section 112(k) – Area Source Program, Congress mandated that the EPA identify 30 or more HAPs that posed the greatest threat to public health in urban areas and to identify the area (i.e., small) sources that emit any of those pollutants.

In January 2008, the EPA promulgated another of these federal area source standards applicable to facilities in Delaware. This standard, found at 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart HHHHHH, is applicable to new and existing paint stripping operations that use stripping solvents containing methylene chloride.

This area source standard addresses the emissions of methylene chloride. Methylene chloride is classified by EPA as a probable carcinogen. The major non-cancerous effects from chronic inhalation exposure to methylene chloride in humans are effects upon the central nervous system.

- 3. STATUTORY BASIS: 7 Del. C., Chapter 60, Environmental Control
- 4. LIKELY AFFECTED PUBLIC: The regulated community is likely to be surface coating operations that use methylene chloride to prepare surfaces for coating. Adoption of the federal requirements would benefit this regulated community by lowering methylene chloride fugitive emissions; resulting in raw materials cost savings. The public, especially those living near subject facilities, will benefit from the reduced exposure to methylene chloride.
- 5. PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:
 - Public workshop – Summer 2009
 - Proposal in DE Register – Fall 2009
 - Public Hearing – Fall 2009
 - Effective Date – Winter 2010
- 6. REVIEW COMMITTEE: Because the Department intends to propose requirements that are substantively the same as the minimum federal requirements, it knows of no issues which require review committee discussion. The Department plans to conduct a public workshop to educate both the public and regulated communities. In addition, the Department will establish and maintain an informative web site throughout the regulatory development process.

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