

Air Protection Branch Public Announcement

35 Percent VOC Windshield Washer Fluid Now Allowed in All Georgia Counties

In early September, Georgia's Environmental Protection Division (EPD) received formal approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to eliminate the previous eight percent limit for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in automotive windshield wiper fluid sold in the 13-county metropolitan Atlanta area. The 13 counties are as follows: Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale.

This action means that as of October 1, 2015, retailers in the 13 counties will now be able to sell automotive windshield washer fluid containing a maximum of 35 percent VOC, as required by the U.S. EPA in the 40 CFR 59 rule for National Volatile Organic Compound Emissions Standards for Consumer and Commercial Products.

This rule change provides consumers with additional purchasing choices without compromising air quality. The benefit to air quality from the original Air Quality Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(aaa) Consumer and Commercial Products (which required only 8 percent VOC limits) has been offset by more effective air quality management strategies.

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