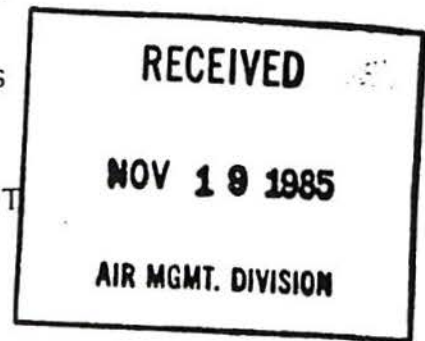




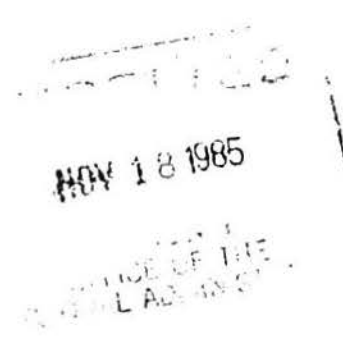
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
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5 November 1985

Mr. Michael Deland
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
John F. Kennedy Federal Building
Boston, MA 02203



Dear Mr. Deland:

On 28 June 1985 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cannon Building Auditorium, Providence, Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM), Division of Air and Hazardous Materials (DAHM), conducted a public hearing in accordance with the public notices regarding source specific compliance extensions for six major sources affected by Air Pollution Control Regulations 15, 19 and 21 entitled "Control of Organic Solvent Emissions," "Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Surface Coating Operations," and "Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Printing Operations," respectively. DEM is hereby submitting these extensions in the form of consent agreements for EPA approval as revisions to Rhode Island's State Implementation Plan (SIP). DEM's authority to develop and amend regulations for air pollution control is contained in Section 23-23-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

Each of these revisions recognizes that the sources will use Reasonably Achievable Control Technology (RACT) to attain compliance with Regulations 15, 19 and 21. The consent agreement is the vehicle by which compliance will be achieved and enforced. Rhode Island Regulations 15, 19 and 21 allow a source to have RACT defined for it biannually until it is in compliance. These consent agreements represent RACT for each of the seven affected sources. Provisions in the agreements will result in a significant decrease in volatile organic compounds (VOC) emitted, aiding in reducing statewide ozone levels.

The items on the attached sheet are DEM's support documentation for the SIP revisions. The numbers in parentheses refer to the EPA, SIP submittal check list.

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I would like to remind you that to expedite this SIP revision, we are parallel processing this action with EPA. My staff appreciates your interest in completing this rulemaking in the shortest possible time, as the State has placed a high priority on the implementation of the revisions to the SIP.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Chris James or Joan Marron of my staff.

Very truly yours,



Thomas D. Getz, Chief
Division of Air and Hazardous Materials

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