

Comparing California and Federal VOC Regulations
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Presenter biography

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Presentation abstract

Both the U.S. EPA and California have established regulations that limit the volatile organic compound (VOC) content of commercial and consumer products to reduce the formation of ozone in the lower atmosphere which is a health and environmental hazard. However, while both the California and federal regulations are driven by the same concerns, they are at opposite ends of the spectrum in terms of the extent to which they regulate VOCs. This session will compare and contrast the federal and California VOC regulations and provide a brief overview of the other state VOC regulations.