Agenda Item: 10-03 Request to Proceed to Public Hearing to Amend the Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) Rules

Explanation: The Environmental Management Commission (EMC) is requested to approve one or more public hearings to consider the amendments, repeals and adoptions to the 15A NCAC 02D .0900 section and 15A NCAC 02Q .0300 section, to address updated or new RACT requirements for certain categories of VOC emissions.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) published 11 new Control Technique Guideline (CTG) documents for certain categories of VOC emissions. These categories include: Industrial Cleaning Solvents, Lithographic Printing and Letterpress Printing, Flexible Package Printing, and coating operations for Flat Wood Paneling, Paper, Film and Foil, Large Appliances, Metal Furniture, Miscellaneous Metal Products, Plastic Parts, Auto and Light Duty Truck Assembly, Fiberglass Boat Manufacturing, and Miscellaneous Industrial Adhesives.

Each CTG document provides the State 1-year to implement the guidelines as "presumptive RACT" into their State Implementation Plans or to implement an equivalent measure. This set of 21 rules addresses this Clean Air Act requirement.

Additional proposed changes include an expansion of VOC work practice standards in 02D .0958 to all sources of VOC emissions. This amendment is being made to simplify the compliance inspection process for both the facility and DAQ inspectors.

Finally, the proposed change in the 02Q .0300 section is to rule 02Q .0306 to update cross-references to account for the rules that are being repealed and adopted in the 02D .0900 VOC section.

Recommendation: The Director recommends that the Commission authorize a public hearing(s) on this item and that the Chairman appoint a member of the Commission to serve as hearing officer.