



Illinois Department of Transportation

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Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Paints

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COUNTY ENGINEERS/COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS
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The USEPA is establishing a deadline for the use of high VOC paint for pavement markings and bridge painting. While use of these paints will not be prohibited, the USEPA will place a surcharge on the paint, making the cost prohibitive for manufacturers to produce the product.

The original implementation date established by the USEPA was November 1996, however this deadline has been moved to April 1, 1997. The USEPA plans to issue the proposed VOC rule this month for review and comments.

It is suggested that any questions concerning alternate pavement marking and bridge paints be directed to the appropriate paint manufacturers. Most pavement marking will probably be carried out using water base paint, which requires conversion of existing equipment or purchase of new equipment.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Sunley".

William T. Sunley, P.E.
Engineer of Local Roads and Streets