

January 15, 2025

Subject: Important Notice: Upcoming EPA Regulations & Your Business

To Our Valued Customers,

This letter serves as important notice regarding the upcoming Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations that will significantly impact certain products across the industry.

Effective in 2025, the EPA is banning the use of Methylene Chloride, Trichloroethylene, and in 2026, Perchloroethylene in most applications. These bans are being implemented to protect human health and the environment.

We understand that these regulatory changes may present challenges for your business operations. To ensure a smooth transition and minimize disruption, we are committed to providing you with:

- **Dedicated Support:** Our team is available to answer your questions, address your concerns, and guide you through this process.
- Alternative Product Solutions: We have been actively developing and testing highperforming, EPA-compliant alternatives to the affected products.

Sincerely,

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President - CEO

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in a commercial/industrial capacity or if you sell to consumers.

KEY DATES FOR METHYLENE CHLORIDE (other names for methylene chloride include – Dichloromethane, Methylene Bichloride).

Timeline for Customers with only Industrial Uses		
Monday, May 5, 2025	Prohibited from manufacturing (including importing) methylene chloride (applies only to manufacturers and importers of MC)	
Friday, August 1, 2025	Prohibited from processing methlene chloride, including making any methylene chloride-containing products. (Vapco can no longer produce products continaing MC after this date).	
Wednesday, December 31, 2025	Last date for Vapco Products to ship methylene chloride products to our customers	
Wednesday, January 28, 2026	Prohibited from distributing in commerce methylene chloride, including shipping, containing products. (Last date for Vapco cusomters to ship product to their cusomters who use these products).	
Tuesday, April 28, 2026	Commercial use of methylene chloride containing products are prohibited by end-users. (Vapco products containing methylene chloride can no longer be used by anyone after this date).	
Timeline for customers with a Retail/Consumer Use		
Monday, February 3, 2025	All persons are prohibited from distributing in commerce methylene chloride, including any methlene chloride containing products, to retailers for any use (last day Vapco may ship methylene chloride containing products to companies that meet the "retailer" definition. *see retailer definition below	
Monday, May 5, 2025	All retailers (customers with retail sales) are prohibited from distributing in commerce (applies only to companies with sales to consumer & retail use) *see retailer definition below	

- 1. A retailer is any person or business entity that distributes or makes available products to consumers, including through e-commerce internet sales or distribution. If a person or business entity distributes or makes available any products to at least one consumer, then it is considered a ratailers (CFR 751.103).
- 2. For a distributor not to be considered a retailer, the distributor must distribute or make available products solely to commercial or industrial end-users or businesses.

Impacted products: MEAN GREEN ADHESIVES, BLO-1, NS-1, SSF-1

Products with Immediate solutions: MEAN GREEN ADHESIVES, BLO-1, NS-1, SSF-1

For the products with immediate solutions, part numbers will not change but labels will be updated with a badge stating "Methylene Chloride FREE" to denote the formula change and compliance with new EPA guidelines.

KEY DATES FOR TRICHLOROETHYLENE (other names for trichloroethylene include – Tetrachloroethylene, ethylene trichloride, TCE).

Monday, March 17, 2025	Vapco Products may no longer purchase Trichloroethylene (Manufacturers must stop making TCE)	
	Vapco and our customers can no longer sell products containing Trichloroethylene (Vapco must stop using TCE)	
	Vapco customers can no longer use products containing Trichloroethylene.	
Impacted products: BLO-1, CC-1, DS-1, KOS-ITA, SDS-1, UAR-SC, UAR-2		
Products with immediate solutions: BLO-1, DS-1, KOS-ITA, SDS-1, UAR-SC, UAR-2		
For the products with immediate solutions, part numbers will not change but labels will be updated with a badge stating "TCE FREE"		
to denote the formula change and compliance with new EPA guidelines.		

KEY DATES FOR PERCHLOROETHYLENE (other names for perchloroethylene include – Tetrachloroethene, Perchlor, PCE).

Thursday, June 11, 2026	PCE manufacturing stops - puchasing of PCE MAY stop from suppliers	
Wednesday, September 9, 2026	Vapco Products can longer produce PCE-containing products	
Tuesday, December 8, 2026	Vapco Products can no longer distribute to retailers	
Monday, March 8, 2027	Vapco Products can no longer distribute wholesale	
Monday, June 7, 2027	PCE can no longer be used in any capacity	
more information to follow		