

# WHAT'S NEW : OTC Model Rule for Adhesives and Sealants

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Subject: OTC Model Rule for Adhesives and Sealants

This bulletin is intended to help clarify issues related to a regional effort to achieve federally mandated standards to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions of the United States by the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC). The OTC has developed a model rule for a broad range of adhesives, sealants and primers that limits the level of VOC emissions to 250 grams per liter (250 g/L).

The following states are members of the OTC and are in the process of implementing regulations from the new model rule, limiting VOC contents.

Connecticut  
Maryland  
New York  
Virginia

Delaware  
Massachusetts  
Pennsylvania

District of Columbia  
New Hampshire  
Rhode Island

Maine  
New Jersey  
Vermont

For information on state by state implementation dates please visit [www.otcair.org/state](http://www.otcair.org/state) to determine if and when your state will be affected. If work is planned in any of the OTC member states, it is important to keep abreast of the phase-in periods for new compliant products we be required.

Each state has slightly different implementation dates, and most states have adopted a "Phase-In" approach for 2009 or have delayed the implementation until 2010. This will help manufacturers in the development of new products with alternative solvents. The earliest phase-in period for the OTC regulations is May 15 through September 15, 2009. During that period, OTC-compliant products must be used in the OTC member states.

GenFlex has been aware of these pending OTC regulations for many months. We have been actively working with our vendor partners to develop high performance products that meet these new regulations. As we move closer to the implementation dates, GenFlex will be announcing several new solvent based products for both EPDM and TPO systems that can be substituted for existing products without affecting the performance or warranty terms.

In order to address the many questions that will be raised regarding the new OTC standards, we have created an FAQ section on our website, with answers to those questions. To see these, or ask your own questions, visit [www.GenFlex.com/askgenflex.aspx](http://www.GenFlex.com/askgenflex.aspx).

Sincerely,



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