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Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Paints #96-4

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,

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