

## 7 DE Admin Code 1124 “Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions”

### 47.0 Offset Lithographic Printing and Letterpress Printing (March 2011 Final Clean Revision)

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#### 47.1 Applicability

47.1.1 The provisions of 47.0 of this regulation apply to any offset lithographic or letterpress printing press. Except as provided in 47.1.2 of this regulation, every owner or operator of any offset lithographic or letterpress printing press shall comply with the provisions of 47.0 of this regulation on and after [insert effective date of this revision of 47.0 of this regulation].

47.1.2 Transition period for existing permitted sources. Every owner or operator of any offset lithographic printing press that is subject to a permit issued pursuant to 7 DE Admin Code 1102 or 1130 containing all applicable conditions of 47.0 of this regulation, as that regulation existed on November 29, 1994, shall comply with those permit conditions for up to one year after the effective date of this revision of 47.0 of this regulation. Every owner or operator of any letterpress printing press that is subject to a permit issued pursuant to 7 DE Admin Code 1102 or 1130 shall comply with the permit’s conditions for letterpress printing for up to one year after the effective date of this regulation. On and after the date one year after the effective date of this revision of 47.0 of this regulation, every such owner or operator of any offset lithographic or letterpress printing press shall comply with the provisions of 47.0 of this regulation.

47.1.3 Except as specified in 47.6.1 of this regulation, the provisions of 47.0 of this regulation do not apply to any offset lithographic and letterpress printing press within a facility whose total actual volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from all offset lithographic and letterpress printing operations (including emissions from cleaning solutions used on lithographic printing presses) are less than 6.8 kilograms (kg) (15 pounds [lb]) VOCs per day before application of capture systems and control devices.

47.1.4 Any facility that becomes or is currently subject to the provisions of 47.0 of this regulation by exceeding the applicability threshold in 47.1.23 of this regulation shall remain subject to 47.0 of this regulation even if its emissions later fall below the applicability threshold.

47.1.5 Any facility that is currently subject to a state or federal rule promulgated pursuant to the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1977 by exceeding an applicability threshold is and shall remain subject to these provisions, even if its throughput or emissions have fallen or later fall below the applicability threshold.

47.2 Definitions. As used in 47.0 of this regulation, all terms not defined herein shall have the meanings given them in the November 15, 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA), or in 2.0 of this regulation.

“**Alcohol**” means a chemical compound consisting of the hydroxyl (OH) group attached to an alkyl radical and having the general formula  $C_nH_{2n+1}OH$ , such as ethanol, n-propanol, and iso-propanol.

**“Alcohol substitute”** means a non-alcohol additive that contains VOCs and is used in the fountain solution to reduce the surface tension of water or to prevent piling (ink build-up).

**“Batch”** means a supply of fountain solution that is prepared continuously or as a batch and that is used without alteration until completely used or removed from the printing process.

**“Cleaning solution”** means a liquid that is used to remove ink, including dried ink, and debris from the operating surfaces of the printing press and its parts.

**“Fountain solution”** means a mixture of water and non-volatile printing chemicals, and additives which reduce the surface tension of the water. The fountain solution wets the non-image areas so that the ink is maintained within the image areas.

**“Heatset”** means any operation in which heat is required to evaporate ink oil from the printing ink.

**“Letterpress printing”** means a printing process in which the image is raised relative to the non-image area and the paste ink is transferred to the substrate directly from the image surface.

**“Lithography”** or **“lithographic printing”** means a printing process in which the image and non-image areas are chemically differentiated; the image area is oil-receptive and the non-image area is water-receptive. This method differs from other printing methods, in which the image is a raised or recessed surface.

**“Non-heatset”** or **“coldset”** means any operation in which printing inks are set without the use of heat. For the purposes of 47.0 of this regulation, ultraviolet-cured and electron beam-cured inks are considered non-heatset operations.

**“Offset lithographic printing”** means a printing process that transfers the ink film from the lithographic plate to an intermediary surface (blanket), which, in turn, transfers the ink film to the substrate.

**“Press”** means a printing production assembly that is composed of one or many units to produce a printed sheet or web.

**“Sheet-fed”** means a printing operation in which individual sheets of substrate are fed to the press sequentially.

**“Total actual VOC emissions”** means the quantity of VOCs emitted from all lithographic and letterpress printing operations, including VOC emissions from cleaning materials and activities, during a particular time period.

**“Unit”** means the smallest complete printing component of a printing press.

**“Web”** means a continuous roll of paper used as the printing substrate.

### 47.3 Standards

47.3.1 No owner or operator of a heatset offset lithographic printing press or a heatset letterpress printing press shall operate the printing press unless the owner or operator

installs a control device to reduce VOC emissions from the press dryer exhaust vent by complying with 47.3.1.1, or 47.3.1.2, or 47.3.1.3 of this regulation at all times the press operates:

- 47.3.1.1 At least 90%, by weight, if the first installation date of the control device is prior to [insert the effective date of this regulation].
  - 47.3.1.2 At least 95%, by weight, if the first installation date of the control device is on or after [insert the effective date of this regulation].
  - 47.3.1.3 Maintaining a maximum press dryer exhaust outlet VOC concentration of 20 parts per million by volume (ppmv) as carbon (C1) on a dry basis.
- 47.3.2 No owner or operator of an offset lithographic printing press shall operate the printing press unless the owner or operator meets the requirements listed under 47.3.2.1, 47.3.2.2, or 47.3.2.3 of this regulation.
- 47.3.2.1 For any heatset web offset lithographic printing press:
    - 47.3.2.1.1 When, the fountain solution contains alcohol, the fountain solution on-press (as applied) VOC content shall be maintained:
      - 47.3.2.1.1.1 At 1.6% or less (by volume), or
      - 47.3.2.1.1.2 At 3.0% or less (by volume) and the temperature of the fountain solution shall be maintained at or below 15.5 degrees Celsius (°C) (60 degrees Fahrenheit [°F]).
    - 47.3.2.1.2 When the fountain solution contains no alcohol, the fountain solution on-press (as-applied) VOC content shall be maintained at 3.0% or less (by volume).
  - 47.3.2.2 For any non-heatset web offset lithographic printing press:
    - 47.3.2.2.1 There shall be no alcohol in the fountain solution, and
    - 47.3.2.2.2 The fountain solution on-press (as-applied) VOC content shall be maintained at 3.0% or less (by volume).
  - 47.3.2.3 For any sheet-fed offset lithographic printing press, the fountain solution on-press (as-applied) VOC content shall be maintained:
    - 47.3.2.3.1 At 5.0% or less (by volume), or
    - 47.3.2.3.2 At 8.5% or less (by volume) and the temperature of the fountain solution shall be maintained at or below 15.5°C (60°F).
- 47.3.3 No owner or operator of an offset lithographic printing press or a letterpress printing press shall operate the printing press unless the owner or operator reduces VOC emissions from cleaning solutions by meeting requirements in 47.3.3.1 or 47.3.3.2, and 47.3.3.3, of this regulation:

47.3.3.1 Using a cleaning solution with a 30% or less (as used) VOC content.

47.3.3.2 Using cleaning solutions with a VOC composite partial vapor pressure less than 10 millimeters (mm) mercury (Hg) (0.4 inches [in] Hg) at 20°C (68°F). The VOC composite partial vapor pressure is calculated as follows:

$$PP_C = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\frac{(W_i)(VP_i)}{MW_i}}{\frac{W_w}{MW_w} + \frac{W_e}{MW_e} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{W_i}{MW_i}} \quad (47-1)$$

Where:

$W_i$  = Weight of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  VOC compound, in grams (g);

$W_w$  = Weight of water, in g;

$W_e$  = Weight of exempt compound, in g;

$MW_i$  = Molecular weight of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  VOC compound, in grams per gram-mole

$$\left( \frac{\text{g}}{\text{g-mole}} \right);$$

$MW_w$  = Molecular weight of water, in  $\left( \frac{\text{g}}{\text{g-mole}} \right);$

$MW_e$  = Molecular weight of exempt compound, in  $\left( \frac{\text{g}}{\text{g-mole}} \right);$

$PP_C$  = VOC composite partial pressure at 20°C, in mmHg

$VP_i$  = Vapor pressure of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  VOC compound at 20°C, in mmHg

47.3.3.3 Keeping all cleaning solutions and used shop towels or cloths in closed containers.

47.4 Control devices. An owner or operator of an offset lithographic printing press or a letterpress printing press equipped with a control system shall ensure that:

47.4.1 The capture system and control device are operated at all times when the printing press is in operation, and compliance with 47.0 of this regulation is demonstrated through the applicable coating analysis and capture system and control device efficiency test methods specified in **Appendix B**, **Appendix D**, and **Appendix E** of this regulation and in accordance with the capture efficiency test methods specified in **Appendix D** of this regulation.

47.4.2 The control device is equipped with the applicable monitoring equipment specified in 2.0 of **Appendix D** of this regulation, and the monitoring equipment is installed, calibrated, operated, and maintained according to the vendor's specifications at all times the control device is in use.

47.5 Test methods and procedures.

47.5.1 The VOC content of each ink, the alcohol content of each fountain solution, and the efficiency of each capture system and control device shall be determined by the applicable test methods and procedures specified in **Appendix A** through **Appendix D** of this regulation to establish the records required under 47.6 of this regulation.

- 47.5.2 To demonstrate compliance with the emission control requirements of 47.0 of this regulation, the facility affected by 47.0 of this regulation shall be run at maximum operating conditions and flow rates during any emission testing.
- 47.5.3 Emission tests for facilities using an add-on dryer exhaust control device shall include an initial test<sub>1</sub> when the control device is installed and in operation, that demonstrates compliance with 47.3.1 of this regulation.
- 47.5.4 To determine compliance with 47.3.2 of this regulation, the owner or operator of an offset lithographic printing facility shall perform the following procedures:
- 47.5.4.1 A sample shall be taken of the fountain solution (as used) from the fountain tray or reservoir that contains a fresh batch of fountain solution (after mixing), for each unit or centralized reservoir, to determine the alcohol content of the fountain solution in accordance with 47.3.2.1 through 47.3.2.3 of this regulation, before the fountain solution is used.
  - 47.5.4.2 A direct measurement of the alcohol content of the fountain solution sample or samples shall be performed in accordance with the method specified in **Appendix L** of this regulation.
  - 47.5.4.3 Alternatively, a sample of the fountain solution (as used) may be taken from the fountain tray or reservoir of fountain solution during use and measured with a hydrometer or refractometer that has been standardized with tests performed in accordance with 47.5.4.1 and 47.5.4.2 of this regulation. The unit shall be considered in compliance with 47.3.2.1 through 47.3.2.3 of this regulation if the refractometer or hydrometer measurement is less than or equal to the measurement obtained by the method specified in **Appendix L** of this regulation plus 10%.
  - 47.5.4.4 The VOC content of a fountain solution containing alcohol substitutes or non-alcohol additives shall be established with proper recordkeeping and the manufacturer's technical information of the VOC content of the concentrated alcohol substitute and included in facility records. Records shall include the amount of concentrated substitute added per quantity of fountain water; the date and time of preparation if the fountain solution is mixed as a batch; and the calculated VOC content of the final solution to fulfill the requirements listed in 47.3.2 of this regulation.
- 47.5.5 To determine compliance with 47.3.2.1.1.2 and 47.3.2.3.2 of this regulation, an owner or operator of an offset lithographic printing facility shall use a thermometer or other temperature detection device capable of reading to 0.28°C (0.5°F) accuracy to ensure that a refrigerated fountain solution containing alcohol is below 15.5°C (60°F) at all times.
- 46.5.6 To determine compliance with 47.3.3 of this regulation, an owner or operator of an offset lithographic printing press or a letterpress printing press shall:
- 47.5.6.1 Take a sample of the cleaning solution (as used) to demonstrate compliance with the cleaning solution VOC content limitations listed in 47.3.3 of this regulation. If the cleaning solution is used as received from the supplier without dilution or alteration, the manufacturer's technical information may be used to demonstrate compliance.

47.5.6.2 Use the method specified in **Appendix L** of this regulation to determine the VOC content of the cleaning solution (as used). Alternatively, the VOC content and VOC partial pressure of the cleaning solution may be established using the manufacturer's technical data. If the cleaning solution is prepared through the dilution of concentrated materials, the blending ratio and VOC content of the concentrate may be used to determine the "as used" VOC content of the cleaning solution.

47.6 Recordkeeping and reporting.

47.6.1 Requirements for sources below threshold emission limit. Any owner or operator of any offset lithography printing facility, any letterpress printing facility, or any facility with both offset lithographic and letterpress printing operations, that emits less than the threshold limit according to 47.1 of this regulation shall comply with the following requirements:

47.6.1.1 Initial certification. Within six months after [insert the effective date of this revision of 47.0 of this regulation], or upon initial startup of a new printing press, the owner or operator shall certify to the Department that the facility emits less than the threshold limit according to 47.1 of this regulation. Such certification shall include the following information:

47.6.1.1.1 The name and location of the facility.

47.6.1.1.2 The address and telephone number of the person responsible for the facility.

47.6.1.1.3 A declaration that the facility is not subject to the requirements of 47.0 of this regulation because of the criteria listed in 47.1 of this regulation.

47.6.1.1.4 The calculations demonstrating that total actual VOC emissions from all offset lithographic and letterpress printing presses at the facility are and will be less than 6.8 kg (15 lb) per day before the application of capture systems and control devices.

47.6.1.1.5 A description of the instrument or method by which the owner or operator accurately measured or calculated the volume of ink applied and the amount that can potentially be applied each year on each printing press.

47.6.1.2 Recordkeeping. On and after [insert the effective date of this revision of 47.0 of this regulation], the owner or operator shall collect and record all of the following information each year for each offset lithographic printing press and each letterpress printing press and maintain the information at the facility for a period of five years:

47.6.1.2.1 The name and identification number of each ink, as applied, each year on each printing press.

47.6.1.2.2 The total actual VOC emissions as calculated in 47.6.1.1.4 of this regulation using the VOC content for that year.

47.6.1.3 Reporting. On and after [insert the effective date of this revision of 47.0 of this regulation], any record showing that total actual emissions of VOCs from all

offset lithographic printing presses and all letterpress printing presses exceed 6.8 kg (15 lb) per day before the application of capture systems and control devices shall be reported by sending a copy of the record to the Department within 45 calendar days after the exceedance occurs. This requirement is in addition to any other State of Delaware exceedance reporting requirements.

47.6.2 Requirements for sources above threshold emission limit. Any owner or operator of any offset lithography printing facility, or any letterpress printing facility, or any facility with both offset lithographic and letterpress printing operations, that emits greater than the threshold limit according to 47.1 of this regulation shall comply with the following requirements:

47.6.2.1 Initial certification. Within six months after [insert the effective date of this revision of 47.0 of this regulation], or upon initial startup of a new printing press, the owner or operator shall certify to the Department that the facility emits greater than the threshold limit according to 47.1 of this regulation. Such certification shall include the following information:

47.6.2.1.1 The name and location of the facility.

47.6.2.1.2 The address and telephone number of the person responsible for the facility.

47.6.2.1.3 The calculations demonstrating that total actual VOC emissions from all aspects of printing operations at the facility are and shall be greater than 15 lb (6.8 kg) per day before the application of capture systems and control devices.

47.6.2.1.4 A description of the instrument or method by which the owner or operator accurately measured or calculated the volume of ink applied and the amount that can potentially be applied each year on each printing press.

47.6.2.2 Recordkeeping. On and after [insert the effective date of this revision of 47.0 of this regulation], the owner or operator shall collect and record all of the following information each year for each offset lithographic printing press and each letterpress printing press and maintain the information at the facility for a period of five years:

47.6.2.2.1 The name and identification number of each ink, as applied, each year on each printing press.

47.6.2.2.2 The weight of VOCs per volume of coating solids and the volume of solids of each ink, as applied, each year on each printing press.

47.6.2.2.3 The total actual VOC emissions as calculated in 47.6.2.1.3 of this regulation using the VOC content for that year.

47.6.3 Requirements for sources using an add-on dryer exhaust control device.

47.6.3.1 Within six months after [insert the effective date of this revision of 47.0 of this regulation], or upon initial startup of a new printing press, the owner or operator of a heatset offset lithographic printing press, or a heatset letterpress printing press, shall install, calibrate, maintain, and operate a temperature monitoring

device, according to the manufacturer's instructions, at the outlet of the control device or at a location approved by the Department and the EPA. The monitoring temperature shall be set during the testing required to certify compliance with the requirements of 47.4 of this regulation. Monitoring shall be performed only when the unit is operational.

- 47.6.3.2 The temperature monitoring device shall be equipped with a continuous recorder and shall have an accuracy of 0.28°C (0.5°F).
- 47.6.3.3 The dryer pressure shall be maintained lower than the press room area pressure such that air flows into the dryer at all times when the press is operating. A 100% emissions capture efficiency for the dryer shall be demonstrated using an air flow direction measuring device.
- 47.6.4 Requirements for monitoring fountain solution VOC concentration. On and after [insert the effective date of this revision of 47.0 of this regulation], the alcohol concentration in the fountain solution shall be monitored to provide data that can be correlated to the amount of material used when the fountain solution complies with the limits listed in 47.3.2.1 through 47.3.2.3 of this regulation. One of the following methods shall be used to frequently measure the concentration of alcohol in the fountain solution:
  - 47.6.4.1 The owner or operator of any offset lithographic printing press shall monitor the alcohol concentration of the fountain solution with a refractometer that is corrected for temperature at least once per 8-hour shift or once per batch, whichever is longer. The refractometer shall have a visual, analog, or digital readout with an accuracy of 0.5%. A standard solution shall be used to calibrate the refractometer for the type of alcohol used in the fountain. Alternatively, the refractometer shall be standardized with measurements performed to determine compliance, according to the procedures described in 47.5.4.1 and 47.5.4.2 of this regulation.
  - 47.6.4.2 Alternatively, the owner or operator of any offset lithographic printing press shall monitor the alcohol concentration of the fountain solution with a hydrometer equipped with a temperature correction at least once per eight-hour shift or once per batch, whichever is longer. The hydrometer shall have a visual, analog, or digital readout with an accuracy of 0.5%. A standard solution shall be used to calibrate the hydrometer for the type of alcohol used in the fountain. Alternatively, the hydrometer shall be standardized with measurements performed to determine compliance, according to the procedures described in 47.5.4.1 and 47.5.4.2 of this regulation.
  - 47.6.4.3 The VOC content of the fountain solution may be monitored with a conductivity meter if it is determined that a refractometer or hydrometer cannot be used for the type of VOCs in the fountain solution. The conductivity meter reading for the fountain solution shall be referenced to the conductivity of the incoming water.
  - 47.6.4.4 If, through recordkeeping for a period of 6 months or more, the printing process is shown to consistently meet the requirements in 47.3.2 and 47.5.4 of this regulation, the monitoring requirement may be waived or extended to a longer period of time upon prior approval by the Department.
- 47.6.5 Requirements for monitoring fountain solution temperature. On and after [insert the effective date of this revision of 47.0 of this regulation]:

- 47.6.5.1 The owner or operator of any offset lithographic printing press using refrigeration equipment on the fountain solution shall install, maintain, and continuously operate a temperature monitor of the fountain solution reservoir.
- 47.6.5.2 The temperature monitor shall be attached to a continuous recording device such as a strip chart, recorder, or computer.
- 47.6.6 Requirements for Monitoring Cleaning Solution. On and after [insert the effective date of this revision of 47.0 of this regulation], for any offset lithographic printing press or any letterpress printing press with continuous cleaning equipment, flow meters shall be used to monitor the water and cleaning solution flow rates. The flow meters shall be calibrated so that the VOC content of the mixed solution is accurately measured to fulfill the requirements of 47.3.3 of this regulation.
- 47.6.7 Requirements for Monitoring Other Key Parameters. On and after [insert the effective date of this revision of 47.0 of this regulation], the owner or operator of any offset lithographic printing press or any letterpress printing press shall record daily, and make available to the Department within 45 calendar days upon the Department's verbal or written request, the following key parameters:
  - 47.6.7.1 The type of control device operating on any heatset offset lithographic printing press or any heatset letterpress printing press and the operating parameters specified in 47.3.1 of this regulation.
  - 47.6.7.2 The operating standard selected to comply with the requirements listed in 47.3.2.1 through 47.3.2.3 and 47.3.3 of this regulation.
  - 47.6.7.3 The VOC content of the fountain solutions and cleaning solutions, to comply with the requirements listed in 47.5.4, 47.6.4, and 47.6.6 of this regulation.
  - 47.6.7.4 The temperature of the fountain solution, to comply with the requirements listed in 47.6.5 of this regulation, if applicable.
  - 47.6.7.5 For manual cleaning methods, the amount of cleaning solution and the amount of water added per batch of cleaning solution mixed.
  - 47.6.7.6 For automatic cleaning methods, the flow rates of water and cleaning solution concentrate, as specified in 47.6.6 of this regulation.
  - 47.6.7.7 Corrective actions taken when exceedances of any parameters<sub>1</sub> monitored according to the requirements of 47.4 or 47.5 of this regulation, occur.