



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-831-5508

January 22, 2004

Mr. Christian Bunk
SATA Farbspritztechnik GmbH & Co. KG
DomertalstraBe 20
70806 Kornwestheim, Germany

Re: Sales approval for SATAjet RP spray guns

Dear Mr. Bunk:

Thank you for your interest in Rhode Island's air pollution control regulations. The Office of Technical and Customer Assistance has reviewed your letter regarding the SATAjet RP spray gun. As Mr. Andrew Charpentier is no longer with our office, your letter has been forwarded to me for response.

Rhode Island Air Pollution Control Regulation #30, "Control of VOCs from Automobile Refinishing Operations" (Section 30.4.1 c) requires spray guns to have a transfer efficiency of at least 65%. Per your inquiry, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) does not require a company to obtain "sales approval" prior to spray gun marketing. DEM's regulations are performance-based, requiring in-state facilities engaged in automobile refinishing to use compliant methods, including high transfer efficiency (65% or better) spray guns, as specified by regulation. Owners/operators that are found to be using technology or practices that are not in compliance with Air Pollution Control Regulation #30 may be subject to appropriate enforcement action. A complete copy of Regulation #30 may be found at <http://www.state.ri.us/DEM/pubs/regs/index.htm#Air>.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (401) 222-4700, ext. 4411 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Enander, PhD
Supervising Environmental Scientist

cc: R. Gagnon, P.E., Chief, DEM/OTCA
T. Burns, DEM/Office of Air Resources