(V_s)(VOC limit) - m_{VOC}

(Equation 1)

 D_{th}

Where:

 $\mathbf{R} =$

R = Maximum allowable thinning ratio for a given batch (liters of thinner per liter of coating as supplied);

 V_s = Volume fraction of solids in the batch as supplied (liter of solids per liter of coating as supplied); VOC limit = Maximum allowable as-applied volatile organic compounds (VOC) content of the coating (grams of VOC per liter of solids);

 $m_{VOC} = VOC$ content of the batch as supplied (grams of VOC per liter of coating as supplied); and

 D_{th} = Density of the thinner (grams per liter).