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Painting the Town ... "Safe"?

Did you know that oil-based paint is becoming less available in large quantities? The reason is that VOCs, or volatile organic compounds, found in oil-based paints are considered pollutants in the 1990 Clean Air Act. They are thought to cause lung and heart problems when they accumulate close to the air's surface and, therefore, a national limit on VOCs is being enforced. Gallons of the higher-VOC paints will be sold until current stock is gone. After that, non-compliant paint will only be available by the quart. – *Mark Powers, This Old House Magazine.*

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