



AQMD Small Business Assistance Office

South Coast Air Quality Management District

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Why We Assist Small Business

- ≤ 100 Employees, or $\leq \$5$ Million Gross Annual Receipts.
- Recognize the important role of small businesses in this region's economy.
- Emissions from thousands of small businesses contribute to our air pollution problem.





Business Assistance

- Permit Application Assistance
- Free On-Site Consultations
- Dry Cleaners Grant Program
- Fee Review Committee
- Notification of Upcoming Rules/Deadlines
- Variance Application Assistance
- Clearance Letters

FREE

Help for Small Businesses

The South Coast Air Quality Management District has a team of engineers and inspectors specifically designated to help small businesses (100 or fewer employees or with annual gross revenues up to \$5 million) understand and comply with air quality rules and regulations.

The Small Business Assistance team can help you:

- Understand the rules that apply to your business.
- Identify equipment that requires a permit.
- Apply for air quality permits.
- Properly keep required records.
- Make sure the coatings, inks, solvents, and other materials you are using meet AQMD rules.
- Seek a temporary variance from rules if needed.
- Apply for financial assistance for environmentally friendly dry cleaning equipment.
- Seek assistance with fee related issues.



No Fault On-Site Inspections

For assistance, or a free on-site consultation,

Call 1-800-4-CLN-AIR

Staff available Tuesday through Friday



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Permit Application Assistance

- On-Site or at AQMD
- Line-by-Line help Completing Application





Free On-Site Consultations

- Staff ensures that Business Owner/Operator:
 - Understands Rules Requirements
 - Has Necessary Permits
 - Complying with Permit Conditions
 - Using Compliant Paints, Solvents, etc.
 - Completes Records Correctly
- Business Must Agree to Correct Deficiencies Promptly





Dry Cleaner Grant Program

- Currently, funding is available for conversion to professional wet cleaning systems and CO2 machines
- Staff provides assistance in applying for this grant program





Dry Cleaner Grant Program

- ◎ \$3,720,000 in grants for non-perc alternative dry cleaning technologies have been issued.
- ◎ Funding still available.





Dry Cleaner Grant Program

Non-toxic and non-smog forming dry cleaners in San Bernardino

- One Hour Fabric Care, 1090 West Highland Avenue, 92405
- Hospitality Cleaners, 2009 South Diners Court, 92408
- 1hr Fabricare Cleaners, 382 East Baseline Street, 92410
- Crystal Cleaners, 420 East Hospitality Lane, Ste. A-7, 92408
- Family Cleaners, 663 West 2nd Street, 92410





Dry Cleaner Grant Program

San Bernardino Dry Cleaners with AQMD permits

- Perchloroethylene (toxic) : 8
- Petroleum solvent (smog-forming) : 5





Fee Review Committee

- Resolves Billing Disputes
- Payment Plan for Renewal Fees
 - No payment plans for initial applications
- Staff Can Help with Filing for a Review Request





Notification of Upcoming Rules/Deadlines

- ◉ Direct Mail
- ◉ AQMD Webpage
(www.aqmd.gov/pubinfo/public_notices.htm)
- ◉ iPhone Application





Variance Application Assistance

- Temporary Relief from Air Pollution Control Laws Without Being Subject to Penalties
- Help Explain Hearing Board Process (including instructional video)
- Help Prepare Applications for Temporary Extensions of Rule Deadlines, as Needed





Clearance Letters

- State Law Requires that a City or County Shall Not Issue a Final Certificate of Occupancy Unless Clearance from the Administering Air Pollution Agency is Obtained
- Clearance Letters are Issued if Applicant:
 - Has permit(s) from AQMD
 - Filed for permit(s) with AQMD
 - Is exempt from permit requirements
 - Has complied with filing requirements of AQMD Rule 222



Summary

- Looking for Ways to Enhance Small Business Assistance Efforts
- Looking to Coordinate with Other Agencies/Organizations



Contact Us

- **Small Business Hot Lines**
 - (800) 388-2121
 - (909) 396-3529
- **General Toll Free Hot Line**
 - (800) 4-CLN-AIR
- **Email**
 - smallbizassistance@aqmd.gov

Permit Amnesty

Helping Businesses In Tough Times



AQMD is waiving late fees and not imposing penalties for permit applications filed voluntarily between July 1 and December 31, 2011.

An additional 50% discount will be provided to small businesses voluntarily filing applications to install air pollution control systems or use super compliant coatings.

If you have questions,
call AQMD at **(909) 396-3385**
Tues. - Fri. between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
or email: permit_amnesty@aqmd.gov
or visit: www.aqmd.gov/permit/permitamnesty.htm



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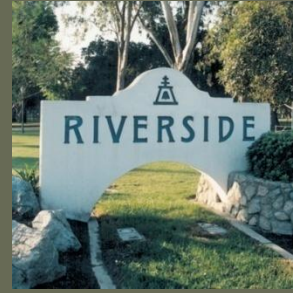
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San Bernardino CCP

Small Business Assistance Outreach Plan

Auto Body Shops

South Coast Air Quality Management District



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Small Business Assistance Outreach Plan

Auto Body Shops

- Non-compliant businesses have been identified as one of the major contributors to the area's air quality problems.
- "Auto Body Shop Program" - starting point in resolving this issue.
- The objective of the study is to bring facilities into compliance.





Small Business Assistance Outreach Plan

Auto Body Shops

Identifying Non-Compliant Auto Body Shops

- Procured a list of businesses identified as auto body repair in the zip codes covered by the San Bernardino CCP.
- The list was cross checked with AQMD's database of permitted facilities.
- The result is a list 41 businesses.





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Auto Body Shops

Information relayed to businesses

- Health and Safety code requirement for an air permit.
- Technical assistance (help with permit applications, recordkeeping and rule interpretation).
- Opportunity to take advantage of the Permit Amnesty Program that ends in December 2011.



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Event Flyer (English) Español | 中文 | 한국어 | Tiếng Việt

Small Business Staff
We Can Help



Small Business Assistance Outreach Plan

Auto Body Shops

Outreach results

- Number of sites visited - 41
- **Possible painting activity - 11**
- Out of business - 7
- Residential - 6
- Auto parts retail – 6
- Mechanical repair – 5
- Body work only – 2
- Upholstery – 2
- Permitted – 2





Small Business Assistance Outreach Plan

Auto Body Shops

Statistics

- **11** sites with possible painting activity
- **11** sites were given the SBA flyer, Permit Amnesty flyer and business card
- **9** have a spray booth on-site
- **2** perform spot painting only
- **3** facilities have expired AQMD permits
- **1** facility paid fees in full
- **2** facilities are requesting a payment plan
- **1** declined assistance, will apply on its own
- **3** expressed interest in applying for a permit



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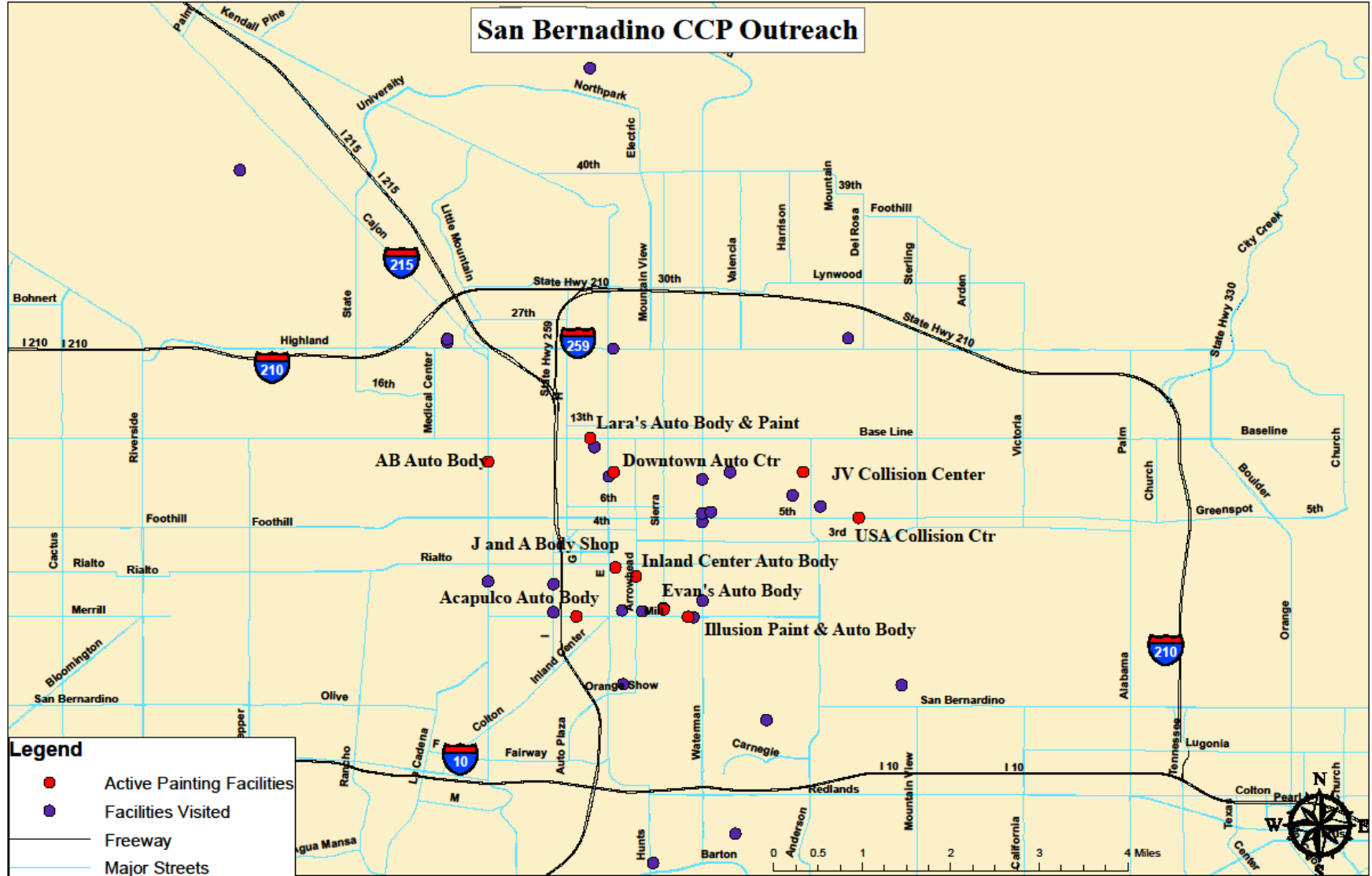
What is next?

- SBA team will continue working the facilities who have expressed interest
- Generate a new set of sites to be visited from the list provided by the City

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Auto Body Shops

San Bernadino CCP Outreach





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