



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (AQMD) FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO PURCHASE NON-PERC ALTERNATIVE DRY CLEANING EQUIPMENT

The AQMD appreciates the participation of the dry cleaning community in crafting Rule 1421-Control of Perchloroethylene (Perc) Emissions. Adopting this rule is a very important step in AQMD's effort to reduce air contaminants in our District. To assist dry cleaners to convert to new methods and to help ease the financial burden of converting to new equipment, AQMD has committed \$2.25 million in grants to provide financial assistance to dry cleaners converting to non-toxic alternatives.

Financial incentives for the purchase of new non-perc alternative dry cleaning technologies are limited to AQMD approved professional wet cleaning systems or CO₂ machines only. Please note that grant funds are only available for cleaning equipment listed in the document titled "Equipment Report: CO₂ and Professional Wet Cleaning Technologies." The document can be downloaded at <http://www.aqmd.gov/business/drycleaninggrantsNEW.htm>, or call the AQMD staff listed on the bottom of these instructions to have a copy mailed to you. Additional equipment may be approved by AQMD on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the AQMD representative listed at the bottom of these instructions for additional information. Under this program, grant money will be available to dry cleaning facility owners presenting purchase orders (or purchase agreements) for new non-perc alternatives to replace existing perc machines or to be added to a facility. Grants are limited to one per facility. Amount of the financial incentives for the non-perc alternatives are:

- Each AQMD approved CO₂ cleaning machine will receive a grant of \$20,000.
- Each AQMD approved professional wet cleaning system (AQMD approved washer, dryer, and tensioning pants topper & form finisher) will receive a grant of \$10,000.
- Each AQMD approved incomplete,* professional wet cleaning system will receive a grant up to \$5,000.

With consideration of the Environmental Justice funding priority, first-come-first-served status will be determined by date stamping the applications when they are received. A financial incentive grant will only be approved if the owner of the new non-perc alternative cleaning equipment agrees to the terms and conditions set forth by the AQMD. Verification of a non-perc alternative installation is required before the grant money is distributed to a grant recipient. Please note that AQMD Permits to Construct and Operate or Permits to Operate are required for the installation and operation of hydrocarbon dry cleaning machines. Grant applications for hydrocarbon machines will be approved only after the permits are granted.

* Contact an AQMD representative listed on the next page for details.

