



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S (SCAQMD) FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO PURCHASE NON-TOXIC/ NON-SMOG FORMING DRY CLEANING EQUIPMENT**

The SCAQMD appreciates the participation of the dry cleaning community in crafting Rule 1421-Control of Perchloroethylene (Perc) Emissions. The adoption of this rule was a very important step in AQMD's effort to reduce air contaminants in our District. SCAQMD has committed over \$2 million in grants to assist dry cleaners in converting to non-toxic/non-smog forming alternatives.

Financial incentives for the purchase of new non-toxic/non-smog forming alternative dry cleaning technologies are limited to SCAQMD approved professional wet cleaning systems or CO<sub>2</sub> machines only. Please note that grant funds are only available for cleaning equipment that receive approval from SCAQMD. Contact the SCAQMD staff listed on the bottom of these instructions to have your professional wet cleaning system pre-approved or for additional information regarding the program. 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 SCAQMD approved CO<sub>2</sub> cleaning machine may receive a grant of \$20,000.
- Each SCAQMD approved professional wet cleaning system (SCAQMD approved washer, dryer, and tensioning pants topper & form finisher) may receive a grant of \$10,000.
- Each SCAQMD approved incomplete professional wet cleaning system (washer and dryer) may receive a grant up to \$5,000.

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-toxic/non-smog forming alternative cleaning equipment agrees to the terms and conditions set forth by the SCAQMD. Verification of a non-toxic/non-smog forming alternative installation is required before the grant money is distributed to a grant recipient.

1. Complete The GRANT APPLICATION FORM - Application for Financial Assistance for Alternative Dry Cleaning Equipment Purchases. If the information regarding proposed equipment financing (bank loan or lease-to-own) is not available at the time of application submittal, such information shall be submitted to the Public Advisor's Office as soon as possible to allow for the application approval. Funds will not be released until that information is provided.
2. Attach a copy of the manufacturer or distributor's purchase order (or purchase agreement) of the non-perc alternative dry cleaning equipment. Purchase orders (or purchase agreements) issued prior to December 6, 2002 will not be accepted.
3. Read and sign the attached Financial Assistance Grant Terms and Conditions Agreement document.
4. Complete the "BUSINESS INFORMATION REQUEST" Form.
5. Complete Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 – "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification".
6. Submit the application packet to:

**South Coast AQMD  
Attn: Public Advisor  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765**

If you have any questions regarding the financial incentive grant application and/or eligibility of the professional wet cleaning system, please contact:

**Small Business Assistance Office      (909) 396-3529**

**CHECK LIST**

- COMPLETE GRANT APPLICATION FORM
- COMPLETE AND SIGN THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AGREEMENT DOCUMENT
- COMPLETE AQMD BUSINESS INFORMATION REQUEST FORM
- COMPLETE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE W-9 FORM
- ATTACH A COPY OF THE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE ORDER OR PURCHASE AGREEMENT
- SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO PUBLIC ADVISOR, SCAQMD (address is listed above)