



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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## **Financial Incentive Program to Reduce Hexavalent Chromium Emissions From Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Facilities Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **What is the Financial Incentive Program to Reduce Hexavalent Chromium Emissions?**

Facilities subject to South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Rule 1469 - Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations are eligible to receive incentive funds for certain types of projects that reduce hexavalent chromium emissions beyond Rule 1469.

### **Who can apply?**

Owner or operators of a chromium electroplating and chromic acid anodizing operation (referred to as a hexavalent chromium plating facility) that meets the following requirements can apply for incentives:

1. Located within the South Coast AQMD
2. Meets federal, state, and local requirements applicable to chrome plating operations
3. Has the authority to make necessary building modifications

### **What kind of projects can receive funding?**

1. Installing add-on pollution controls in lieu of using chemical fume suppressants for facilities with less than 50,000 amp-hours
2. Conversion to trivalent chromium plating operations or other non-toxic alternatives to hexavalent chromium
3. Other technologies, subject to approval, that provide hexavalent chromium reductions in excess of those required by federal, state, and local rules and regulations

### **I previously installed an air pollution control device. Can the incentive funds be used for these costs?**

Unfortunately, the incentive funds cannot cover the cost of an air pollution control device that was installed prior to this program. The incentive funds are intended to be used for new projects that result in emission reductions beyond regulatory requirements.

### **I would like to remove a hexavalent chromium plating line. Can incentive funds be used for equipment removal and disposal costs?**

The purpose of the program is to fund projects that result in emission reductions above and beyond regulatory requirements. Equipment removal and disposal costs that are not a part of an emission reduction project is not eligible for funding.

**How much funding is available?**

For a small business,\* essentially all project costs (engineering, design, equipment, installation, and testing) can be funded under the program. For other facilities that are not small businesses, funding amounts vary between 80 to 90 percent of project costs. However, all facilities, including small businesses, will be responsible for ongoing operation and maintenance costs.

**How do I get more information?**

South Coast AQMD has released two Program Opportunity Notices (PON) for the program. One is to identify facilities interested in the program and the other is to identify contractors to work on projects. Please refer to the following links:

**Facilities:** [PON #2021-01](#)

**Contractors:** [PON #2021-02](#)

The documents at the above links provide further program details including eligibility criteria, funding amounts, and procedures for responding to the PONs. As described in the documents, interested parties can work with their own contractors or can work with a contractor identified through this program.

**How do I get more information?**

Procedures on how to apply can be found in Section VI of the Facilities PON and in Section V of the Contractors PON.

**When is the due date to apply?**

**February 9, 2021** at 1:00 p.m.

For questions regarding the PONs and/or the incentive funds, please direct inquiries to one of the following South Coast AQMD contacts:

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\* Independently owned and operated facility with average annual gross receipts of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) or less, averaged over the previous three years, and 25 or fewer employees