NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP
AND CEQA SCOPING MEETING
PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1168 –
ADHESIVE AND SEALANT APPLICATIONS
Thursday, August 17, 2017
10:00 A.M.
South Coast Air Quality Management District Headquarters
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765
Auditorium

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC WORKSHOP
The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has scheduled a public workshop for
the purpose of soliciting information, comments, and suggestions from the public and affected
businesses regarding Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1168—Adhesive and Sealant Applications. This
notice serves to inform the public, manufacturers, and potentially affected businesses of the proposed
new requirements. These businesses include those who sell, store, supply, offer for sale or manufacture
for sale any adhesives, adhesive primers, caulks, sealants or sealant primers. PAR 1168 is tentatively
scheduled to be adopted at a Public Hearing before the SCAQMD Governing Board on October 6,
2017.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE
The objective of PAR 1168 is to implement, in part, the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan Control
Measure CTS-01- Further Emission Reductions from Coatings, Solvents, Adhesives, and Sealants,
which targets a one ton per day volatile organic compound (VOC) emission reduction by 2023. The
proposed amendments include: revision of VOC content limits for various adhesives and sealants;
reduction of toxic air contaminants emissions from adhesives and sealants; reporting and labeling
requirements; clarification of rule language and applicability; language that distinguishes when
products are regulated by the California Air Resources Board Consumer Product Regulation versus
Rule 1168; harmonization of language and requirements with regulations (state and national) affecting
the same products; removal or restriction of certain exemptions; and a prohibition of Group II exempt
compounds as defined in Rule 102.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1168
Staff proposes the following:

• Clarify that the rule applies to consumer product adhesives, adhesive primers, caulks, sealants
  and sealant primers not regulated by the California Air Resources Board
• Revise, delete, and add certain definitions
• Amend VOC limits for certain adhesives, adhesive primers, caulks, and sealants
• Establish new categories and VOC content limits to reflect current products available in the
  marketplace
• Add requirements for labeling regulated product containers
• Add test methods for VOC content analyses
• Include reporting requirements for sales and emissions of regulated products, and aerosol
  adhesives and aerosol adhesive primers
Include reporting requirements for big box retailers to assist manufacturers and District staff compile and verify annual sales data

Prohibit the use of most Group II Exempt Solvents, except cyclic, branched, or linear, completely methylated siloxanes

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and SCAQMD Rule 110, the SCAQMD, as lead agency for the proposed project, will be reviewing PAR 1168 and will determine if PAR 1168 will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation for the proposed project will be prepared based on the analysis. In the event that the proposed project may have statewide, regional, or area-wide significance, a CEQA scoping meeting is required pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21083.9(a)(2) and will be held concurrently with the Public Workshop.

Comments and suggestions regarding the CEQA analysis may be directed to:
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AVAILABLITY OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
The following supporting documents are currently available:
• Proposed Amended Rule 1168 – Adhesive and Sealant Applications; and
• Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1168

TO OBTAIN COPIES OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS
Copies of the proposed rule and the preliminary draft staff report are available and may be obtained from:
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The documents are also available for download from the SCAQMD website at:
http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/rules/proposed-rules

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS OR COMMENTS
You are invited to attend the meeting and may also send comments, documents, studies, reports, or other information relevant to the proposed rule and proposed amended rules listed above to:
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Written comments on this rule should be submitted by August 31, 2017.