

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop

**PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1168 –
ADHESIVE AND SEALANT APPLICATIONS**

Thursday, September 1, 2022
10:00 a.m. (PDT)

Join Zoom Meeting - from PC or Laptop
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To ensure we are practicing safe social distancing, the Public Workshop will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom) which can be accessed via your computer or smart phone. Alternatively, stakeholders can phone-in to participate. We understand that this is not the same as an in-person public meeting; however, staff will take the time to listen to comments from all stakeholders. You are invited to attend the meeting electronically through Zoom or via the phone. Instructions on how to participate can be found at the top of this notice.

Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a Public Workshop to present and solicit information and suggestions from the public regarding Proposed Amended Rule 1168 – Adhesive and Sealant Applications (PAR 1168) which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on November 4, 2022 (subject to change).

Rule Background

Rule 1168 was adopted in April 1989 to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), toxic air contaminants, and stratospheric ozone-depleting compounds from the application of adhesives, adhesive primers, sealants, and sealant primers and applies to any person who uses, sells, stores, supplies, distributes, offers for sale, or manufactures for sale any adhesives, adhesive primers, sealants, and sealant primers. Rule 1168 has been amended 14 times, the last amendment was in October 2017 which included VOC limit reductions for 18 categories, new Quantity and Emissions Reporting (QER) requirements, and a requirement for staff to conduct a technical assessment to assess the feasibility of certain VOC limits that will be effective on January 1, 2023.

Objective of Proposed Amended Rule

The objective of PAR 1168 is to delay the effective date for certain categories where the technology assessment has demonstrated more time would be needed; create further subcategories to better characterize and refine VOC limits; prohibit the use of Para-Chlorobenzotrifluoride (pCBtF) and Tertiary-Butyl Acetate (t-BAc); and allow certain categories to maintain higher VOC limits due to the prohibition on pCBtF and t-BAc or because a newly created subcategory of adhesive or sealant requires a higher VOC limit. This proposal does not change the reporting requirements for manufacturers and private labelers or sell through provisions.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD's certified regulatory program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l) and South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is reviewing the proposed project (PAR 1168) to determine

if it will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation will be prepared based on the analysis.

Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available no later than August 19, 2022:

- Preliminary Draft Proposed Amended Rule 1168; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1168.

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the preliminary draft proposed amended rule and the preliminary draft staff report will be available on or before August 19, 2022 and may be obtained from:

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The documents are also available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:
<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1168>

Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the public workshop. The agenda will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov't Code Section 54954.2(a)). In addition, other documents may be requested in alternative formats and languages. Any disability or language-related accommodation must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated unless providing the accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration or undue burden to the South Coast AQMD. Please contact Heather Farr at (909) 396-3672 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to hfarr@aqmd.gov.

Submission of Documents or Comments

Please submit any relevant comments, documents, studies, reports, or other relevant information to the contact information listed below:

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Written comments on PAR 1168 should be submitted by September 15, 2022.