

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 6, 2026

AGENDA NO. 2

PROPOSAL: Set Public Hearing April 3, 2026 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:

Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1136 – Wood Products Coatings, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 1136; and Submit for Inclusion Into State Implementation Plan

Rule 1136 establishes VOC limits for wood products coatings. The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment determined that two compounds, *para*-Chlorobenzotrifluoride (pCBtF) and *tert*-Butyl Acetate (tBAC), which are used in some wood products coatings, have carcinogenic health effects. Proposed Amended Rule 1136 includes a future effective prohibition for pCBtF and t-BAC, equivalent alternative Product Weighted Maximum Incremental reactivity VOC limits, sell through and use through provisions, and removes outdated provisions. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that PAR 1136 – Wood Products Coatings is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, 2) Amending Rule 1136 – Wood Products Coatings; and 3) Directing staff to submit PAR 1136 - Wood Products Coatings for Inclusion into the State Implementation Plan. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, February 20, 2026).

Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1144 – Metalworking Fluids and Direct-Contact Lubricants, Is Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rule 1144

Rule 1144 establishes VOC limits for metalworking fluids and direct-contact lubricants. The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment determined that two compounds, *tert*-Butyl Acetate (t-BAC) and *para*-Chlorobenzotrifluoride (pCBtF), have carcinogenic health effects. Both pCBtF and t-BAC could be used in metalworking fluids and/or direct-contact lubricants. Proposed Amended Rule 1144 includes a phase-out timeline to cease the sale and use of pCBtF and t-BAC based products as well as sell-and use-through provisions. This action is to adopt the Resolution:

1) Determining that Proposed Amended Rule 1144 – Metalworking Fluids and Direct-Contact Lubricants, is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Amending Rule 1144. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, February 20, 2026)

The complete text of the proposed amended rules and other supporting documents will be made available from the South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or Ms. Lisa Tanaka – Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-3327, publicadvisor@aqmd.gov and on the Internet (www.aqmd.gov) as of March 3, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Set Public Hearing April 3, 2026 to: 1) Determine that Proposed Amended Rule 1136 is exempt from CEQA, and amend Rule 1136 and submit into the SIP; and Determine that Proposed Amended Rule 1144 is exempt from CEQA, and amend Rule 1144.

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