BOARD MEETING DATE: November 6, 2026 AGENDA NO. 2

PROPOSAL: Set Public Hearing December 4, 2026 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:

Certify Final Subsequent Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1168 – Adhesive and Sealant Applications; Amend Rule 1168; and Submit for Inclusion Into State Implementation Plan

Rule 1168 establishes VOC limits for adhesives and sealants. The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has determined that para-Chlorobenzotrifluoride (pCBtF) and tert-Butyl Acetate (t-BAc), which are used in certain adhesives and sealants, have carcinogenic health effects. This amendment is the result of the technology check-in included in the 2022 Rule 1168 amendment to evaluate progress on the pCBtF and t BAc phase out. Proposed amendments to Rule 1168 provide additional reformulation time for certain adhesive and sealant categories to phase out of pCBtF and meet future-effective lower VOC limits. The amendments also clarify and update reporting and recordkeeping requirements for manufacturers and distributors, and sunsets the existing 55 gallon exemption that allows the use of high VOC products. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Certifying the Final Subsequent Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1168 – Adhesive and Sealant Applications; 2) Amending Rule 1168 – Adhesive and Sealant Applications; and 3) Directing staff to submit PAR 1168 – Adhesive and Sealant Applications for Inclusion into the State Implementation Plan (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, October 16, 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 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 November 3, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:
Set Public Hearing December 4, 2026 to: Certify the Final Subsequent Environmental Assessment, and amend Rule 1168 and submit for Inclusion into the SIP.

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