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NOTICE TO OWNER/OPERATOR OF PERCHLOROETHYLENE DRY CLEANING EQUIPMENT

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In 1994, Rule 1421 – Control of Perchloroethylene (PERC) Emissions from Dry Cleaning Systems, was adopted to reflect the requirements of California’s Dry Cleaning Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) and the federal National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP). According to the current version of Rule 1421, any owner or operator of a PERC dry cleaning system within the jurisdictional boundaries of South Coast AQMD shall only be allowed to operate its PERC dry cleaning system until December 31, 2020, as long as the equipment has integral primary and secondary controls. **As of January 1, 2021, all PERC dry cleaning systems within South Coast AQMD must be removed from service by physically removing the machine, or by disconnecting utilities (electric, steam lines) to the machine and draining all PERC from the machine tanks.**

Online Permitting

Dry cleaning facilities needing to apply for a permit for new dry cleaning equipment may now apply online. South Coast AQMD has introduced a new online permit application system for businesses. Eligible applicants can apply for and obtain, via email, a valid Permit to Operate. The online application filing program is currently available for Dry Cleaning machines and may be accessed at www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/permitting/online-permit-application-filing/faq---english-pdf.pdf?sfvrsn=5. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the online permit application system are attached for your convenience.

Inactivation of PERC Permits

For facilities that replaced or removed their PERC dry cleaning system, the permit for that PERC system will need to be inactivated. To inactivate the permit, Form 200-C will need to be completed and returned to South Coast AQMD. For your convenience, Form 200-C has been attached with this advisory. Please note that if a permit is not requested to be inactivated, it will continue to be billed annual renewal fees. Form 200-C may also be accessed at www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/aqmd-forms/Permit/200-c-form.pdf?sfvrsn=2. For further questions regarding inactivation of permits, please call Permit Services at (909) 396-3385, or email PermitServices@aqmd.gov. For questions related to billing and invoicing, please call Billing Services at (909) 396-2900, or email BillingServices@aqmd.gov.

Grant Money

To assist dry cleaning facilities to switch to non-perc, non-smog forming equipment, South Coast AQMD is offering grant money. There is a limited amount of money available, and it will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

- \$20,000 grants available for: CO2 Machines

- \$10,000 grants available for: Professional Wet Cleaning Systems (water-based system consisting of washer, dryer, tensioning pants topper, and tensioning form finisher, South Coast AQMD approved equipment only)
- Up to \$5,000 grants available for: Incomplete Professional Wet Cleaning Systems

For more information regarding South Coast AQMD's Financial Incentive to purchase non-toxic, non-smog forming dry cleaning equipment please contact South Coast AQMD's Small Business Assistance Office at 909-396-3529 or visit the Dry Cleaner Grant webpage at:
<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/business-detail?title=dry-cleaner-grant>.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is also offering additional grant money for eligible dry cleaners. Facilities that currently use PERC are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 if they replace an existing PERC system with a Professional Wet Cleaning system; CO2 system; or other CARB-approved non-toxic, non-smog-forming technology. CARB is offering another grant for up to \$7,500 for facilities that volunteer to be a demonstration site for non-toxic, non-smog forming dry cleaning equipment. For more information on these grant programs, please visit <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/non-toxic-dry-cleaning-grant-program-ab998>.

ATTACHMENTS: FAQ Online Application Filing – Dry Cleaning Machines
 Form 200-C Request to Inactivate a Permit to Operate

Frequently Asked Questions

Online Application Filing – Dry Cleaning Machines

Who is eligible?	Applications for new or existing dry cleaning equipment at new or existing facilities.
How do I start?	Visit aqmd.gov and click on Permits and then Online Application Filing. First-time users will need to register by creating a user name and password.
What information will I need?	You will need the same information as if you were applying via paper forms, such as your facility information (Facility ID), Make and Model of equipment, solvent type, operational data, payment information (credit card # or e-check).
What if I do not have a Facility ID?	You can create a new Facility ID (based on the facility location address) after completing the user registration process.
How much does it cost?	Online permitting fees are the same as for a conventional permit application, in accordance with the most recently approved SCAQMD Rule 301. Please refer to the Online Fee Calculator.
How long will it take?	The online application process will take about 30 to 45 minutes.
How do I get my permit?	If the equipment and operation can be verified online as in compliance with all rules, a permit will be sent to you via email within 60 minutes.
How do I pay?	The online application process accepts payment by e-check or credit card. A convenience fee (collected by the third party payment processor) will apply to credit card transactions. No additional fees are incurred when an e-check is used.
In what cases will I not get a permit online?	When a determination that compliance cannot be verified online for any of the applicable rules. Typical examples include close proximity (1/4 mile) to a school, using a dry cleaning machine or solvent that is not listed in the program, or if the facility has an open Notice of Violation(s) .
If I don't get my permit online, what happens?	Your application will be submitted electronically to the SCAQMD. An engineer will then evaluate the application to address the areas that require further analysis to verify compliance. Online-filed applications will be processed as quickly as possible.
About the program....	
I registered, but now I cannot log-in.	You will need to “activate” your account by using the link in the email that was sent to you during the registration process with the subject of “AQMD’s Subscriber Email Address Verification”. Open this email and click on the link to verify and activate your account. If you do not receive this email, please make sure to check your “spam” or “junk” folders.