

**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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### **AVAILABILITY 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:

Ms. Fabian Wesson  
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South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
Phone: (909) 396-2432      Email: [PICrequests@aqmd.gov](mailto:PICrequests@aqmd.gov)

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.