

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENT TO, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND PROPOSED SUBMISSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

RE: Proposed Amended Rule 1136 – Wood Products Coatings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on the matter of adoption of rules and regulations for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), or the amendments thereto, will be held on Friday, **April 3, 2026**, in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, at **9:00 a.m.**, at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board. The meeting will be conducted through a hybrid format of in-person and/or virtual attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone with opportunities for public comment. Please refer to the instructions on South Coast AQMD's website for details on how to participate: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Rule 1136 – Wood Products Coatings (PAR 1136). The objective of PAR 1136 is to reduce the health risk from the use of two VOC-exempt, or partially exempt, solvents: *para*-chlorobenzotrifluoride (pCBtF) and *tert*-butyl acetate (t-BAc) which have been identified as carcinogenic by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. PAR 1136 establishes a prohibition schedule to phase out the use of pCBtF and t-BAc in wood product coatings, allowing time for reformulation. In addition, PAR 1136 provides an optional, equivalent product-weighted maximum incremental reactivity (PW-MIR) VOC limit to support reformulation efforts. Long-term changes in VOC emissions are not expected. The proposed amendments also consolidate similar wood product coating categories, clarify and update definitions, rule structure, and cross-reference to maintain consistency with other South Coast AQMD rules.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 1136 will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board and United States Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 1136 implements Sections 110, 172, and 182(e) of the federal Clean Air Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a written analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 has been prepared that identifies all existing federal air pollution control requirements, all South Coast AQMD existing and proposed rules and regulations, and all pollution control requirements and guidelines that apply to the same equipment or source type as the rule proposed for amendment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, PAR 1136 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3). A Notice of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, and if the proposed project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed for posting with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, and the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD staff will prepare and make available the following documents on or before March 3, 2026, for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, including:

- Draft PAR 1136
- Draft Staff Report for PAR 1136, which includes the Comparative Analysis
- Draft Socioeconomic Impact Assessment, included in the Draft Staff Report

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above documents may be obtained from the South Coast AQMD website at <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1136>, or by calling the Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or from: Lisa Tanaka – Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, consistent with Health and Safety Code Section 40726, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board may make other modifications to PAR 1136, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt some or all of the proposed amendments.

Please direct questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding PAR 1136 to Mojtaba Moghani, mmoghani@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2527; CEQA inquiries to Farzaneh Khalaj, Ph.D., fkhalaj@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3022; and Socioeconomic Impact Assessment inquiries to Chris Yu, cyu@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3025. Comments and inquiries can also be submitted to the attention of the above person(s) to Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Interested persons may provide oral and written statements at the Public Hearing. Twenty-five (25) copies of all hard-copy written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Boards. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Boards, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov, on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

Please note that under California Public Records Act (Gov. Code Section 7920.000 et seq.) your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public on request or posted on the South Coast AQMD website.

Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the Governing Board meeting. The agenda will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov. 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 the Clerk of the Boards Office, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2500 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to cob@aqmd.gov.

DATED: February 19, 2026

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Boards