

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop

PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1136 – WOOD PRODUCTS COATINGS

Wednesday, February 4, 2026
10:00 a.m.

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Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a Public Workshop to present and solicit information and suggestions from the public on Proposed Amended Rule 1136 – Wood Coating Products (PAR 1136) which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on April 3, 2026 (subject to change).

Background

Rule 1136 – Wood Coating Products (Rule 1136) was originally adopted by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board in 1983 to reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from coatings, strippers, and solvents used in the manufacture, refinish, and maintenance of wood products, including furniture, cabinets, shutters, and other coated wood materials. Since its adoption, Rule 1136 has undergone 11 amendments which updated VOC limits, expanded coating categories, and updated definitions and test methods. The most recent amendment was in 1996.

Objective of Proposed Amended Rule

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 having toxic endpoints by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). Six wood product coating categories were identified to be reliant on the use of pCBtF or t-BAc. PAR 1136 establishes a prohibition schedule to phase out the use of pCBtF and t-BAc, providing time for reformulation. In addition, for the six wood product categories, PAR 1136 provides an optional equivalent product-weighted maximum incremental reactivity (PW-MIR) VOC limit to support reformulation. Long term changes in VOC emissions are not expected. The proposed amendments also consolidate similar wood product coating categories, and provide clarifications and updates to definitions, rule structure, and cross-references to maintain consistency with other South Coast AQMD rules.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD's certified regulatory program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l) and South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is currently reviewing the proposed project (PAR 1136) to determine if it will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation will be prepared based on the analysis.

Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available no later than January 16, 2026:

- Preliminary Draft PAR 1136
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PAR 1136

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the Preliminary Draft PAR 1136 and Preliminary Draft Staff Report may be obtained from:

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The documents will also be available on the South Coast AQMD website at:

<https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1136>

Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the Public Workshop. 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 Marissa Poon at (909) 396-2119 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to mpoon@aqmd.gov.

Key Contacts for Submitting Comments or Documents

Attendees are invited to ask questions and make comments during the Public Workshop. Comments, documents, studies, reports, or other relevant information may be submitted to the following contacts:

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Staff requests written comments on PAR 1136 be submitted no later than February 18, 2026.

Please note that under the 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.