

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop

**Proposed Amended Rule 1469 – Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Chromium
Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations**

Wednesday, August 27, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Webinar Meeting – from PC or Laptop

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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 1469 – Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations (PAR 1469). PAR 1469 is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on November 7, 2025 (subject to change).

Background

Rule 1469 – Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations (Rule 1469) was adopted in 2008 and most recently amended in 2021. The rule requires owners and operators to reduce hexavalent chromium emissions from point and fugitive sources by mitigating emissions at the source, implementing best management practices, and conducting regular housekeeping. On November 13, 2023 the California Air Resource Board (CARB) amended the State Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Chromium Plating and Anodizing Facilities with an effective date of January 1, 2024. The key amendments to the ATCM that go above the requirements of Rule 1469 include more stringent emission limits, phasing out the use of hexavalent chromium, and more frequent source testing. South Coast AQMD is required to incorporate the recently amended ATMC into PAR 1469 to ensure that Rule 1469 is equally effective or stringent.

Proposed Amended Rule and Objectives

The primary objective of PAR 1469 is to incorporate the more stringent ATCM requirements as amended in 2023. Key ATCM requirements include the phasing out of use of hexavalent chromium for decorative plating purposes and functional plating purposes, a more stringent emission limit, and more frequent source testing. This proposal will also clarify requirements, remove outdated provisions, further prohibit activities that may lead to toxic emissions and include procedures that assist with implementation.

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 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l); codified in South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is currently reviewing the proposed project (PAR 1469) 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 made available on or before Friday, August 22, 2025:

- Preliminary Draft of PAR 1469; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PAR 1469

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the Preliminary Draft of PAR 1469 and Preliminary Draft Staff Report may be obtained from:

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The documents will be available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:

<https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1469>

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't 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 Kalam Cheung at (909) 396-3281 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to kcheung@aqmd.gov.

Key Contacts for Submitting Questions and Comments

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

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Written comments on PAR 445 will be accepted until **September 5, 2025**.