

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Notice of Public Workshop

PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1168 – ADHESIVE AND SEALANT APPLICATIONS

Wednesday September 30, 2026
9:00 a.m. PDT

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The Public Workshop will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom) which can be accessed via personal computer or smart phone. Alternatively, stakeholders can phone in to participate. We understand that this is not the same as an in-person public meeting; however, staff will take the time to listen to comments from all stakeholders. You are invited to attend the meeting electronically through Zoom. Instructions on how to participate can be found at the top of this notice.

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 1168 – Adhesive and Sealant Applications (PAR 1168), which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on December 4, 2026 (subject to change).

Background

Rule 1168 – Adhesive and Sealant Applications, was adopted in April 1989 to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and toxic air contaminants from the application of adhesives, adhesive primers, sealants, and sealant primers, and applies to any person who manufactures, uses, sells, stores, supplies, distributes, or offers these for sale. Rule 1168 has been amended 15 times; the last amendment was in November 2022 which prohibited the use of *para*-chlorobenzotrifluoride (pCBtF) and *tert*-butyl acetate (t-BAc) due to being identified as having toxic endpoints by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. The amendment also included a requirement for staff to conduct a technical check-in to assess pCBtF and t-BAc reformulation progress. The check-in revealed that reformulation efforts were successful for all categories except roofing adhesive primers.

Objectives of Proposed Amended Rule

The objectives of PAR 1168 are to extend the pCBtF prohibition date for roofing adhesive primers to allow more time for reformulations; delay future effective VOC limits for two adhesives categories and one sealant category to allow more time for reformulations; include equivalent alternative reactivity-based limits for two categories; delete the exemption that allows facilities to use 55-gallons of non-compliant products per year; require manufacturers to provide a list of their distributors annually; transition reporting to recordkeeping requirement for distributors; include a new category for battery adhesives with a longer phase out period for pCBtF; and provide clarifications, updates to definitions, and cross references to maintain consistency with other South Coast AQMD rules.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency for PAR 1168, has prepared a Draft Subsequent Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the proposed project. The Draft SEA is a substitute CEQA document prepared

pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15252 and in lieu of a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report. The Draft SEA tiers off of: 1) the October 2017 Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the October 2017 amendments to Rule 1168; and 2) the November 2022 Final SEA for the November 2022 amendments to Rule 1168, as allowed by CEQA Guidelines Sections 15152, 15162, and 15385. The Draft SEA is being released and circulated for a 46-day public review and comment period from September 18, 2026 to November 3, 2026 to provide public agencies and the public an opportunity to obtain, review, and comment on the environmental analysis. Comments made relative to the analysis in the Draft SEA and responses to the comments will be included in the Final SEA.

Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available no later than September 18, 2026:

- Preliminary Draft PAR 1168; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PAR 1168.

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the above documents may be accessed from the South Coast AQMD website at:

<https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1168> or may be obtained from:

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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 Questions and Comments

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

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Staff requests written comments on PAR 1168 be submitted no later than **October 14, 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 and cannot be kept confidential.