

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop

Proposed Amended Rule 1144 – Metalworking Fluids and Direct-Contact Lubricants

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

10:00 AM

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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. 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 1144 – Metalworking Fluids and Direct-Contact Lubricants (PAR 1144), which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on April 3, 2026 (subject to change).

Background

Rule 1144 – Metalworking Fluids and Direct-Contact Lubricants (Rule 1144) was adopted in March 2009 to reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from the use of metalworking fluids and direct-contact lubricants. Two solvents, tert-Butyl Acetate (t-BAc) and para-Chlorobenzotrifluoride (pCBtF), are currently federally exempt from the definition of VOC and could be used in metalworking fluid and lubricant formulations to meet lower VOC emission limits. The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) recently identified pCBtF and t-BAc as carcinogens. Control Measure CTS-01 of the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan prioritizes controls to address air toxics, while seeking VOC reductions when technologically feasible.

Objective of Proposed Amended Rule

The primary objective of PAR 1144 is to phase out and prohibit the use of pCBtF and t-BAc as quickly as possible. PAR 1144 proposes a phase-out timeline for metalworking fluid and lubricant manufacturers to cease sale and use of pCBtF- and t-Bac-based products. To support the phase-out, PAR 1144 also includes sell-through and use-through provisions, providing time needed for existing product inventory to be used and suitable replacement products to enter the market.

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 1144) 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 of PAR 1144; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PAR 1144

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the Preliminary Draft PAR 1144 and Preliminary Draft Staff Report may be obtained from:

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The documents will also 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-1144>

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 (Government 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 Michael Morris at (909) 396-3282 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to mmorris@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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Staff requests written comments on PAR 1144 be submitted no later than **February 11, 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.