



Air Pollution Control Board

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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

FOR DISCUSSION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AIRBORNE TOXIC CONTROL MEASURE FOR EMISSIONS OF PERCHLOROETHYLENE ASSOCIATED WITH DRY CLEANING OPERATIONS

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) will hold a public workshop to discuss local implementation of new amendments to the California Air Resources Board (ARB) statewide regulation entitled "Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Emissions of Perchloroethylene Associated with Dry Cleaning Operations" (Section 93109, Title 17, California Code of Regulations). The amended ATCM is designed to further reduce public exposure to perchloroethylene, which is emitted from perchloroethylene dry cleaning operations. Prolonged exposure to perchloroethylene may cause cancer, respiratory irritation, and other health problems. Pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code, the District is required to locally implement and enforce State ATCMs.

The District will provide an overview of the amended ATCM and answer questions regarding its requirements. The District will also discuss how the amended ATCM will be implemented in San Diego County. Comments concerning local implementation or requirements of the amended ATCM may be submitted in writing before or made at the meeting, which is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2008
TIME: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: San Diego Air Pollution Control District
Main Conference Room
10124 Old Grove Road
San Diego, CA 92131

On January 25, 2007, after a public review process, ARB adopted amendments to the ATCM that applies to persons who sell, distribute, install, own or operate dry cleaning equipment in California that uses any solvent containing perchloroethylene. The regulation also applies to any person who sells or distributes perchloroethylene to California dry cleaners. The ATCM became effective on December 27, 2007.

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The amended ATCM phases-out the use of perchloroethylene from dry cleaning in existing operations in California by 2010 or 15 years after the date of machine manufacture, whichever is later. It also prohibits the sale, offer for sale, or initiation of a new lease of any perchloroethylene dry cleaning machine for use in California after January 1, 2008. At new facilities, the ATCM prohibits the installation or operation of perchloroethylene cleaning machines or water-repelling operations on or after January 1, 2008. Existing facilities are ones that operated dry cleaning equipment prior to January 1, 2008. New facilities are those that did not operate any dry cleaning equipment prior to January 1, 2008. Upon District approval, existing facilities may relocate their perchloroethylene dry cleaning equipment from one location to another within San Diego County.

Specifically, the amended ATCM requires:

- By January 1, 2008, drying cabinets and dip tanks shall not be used for perchloroethylene dry cleaning.
- By July 1, 2010, existing facilities shall remove from service all perchloroethylene converted dry cleaning machines.
- By July 1, 2010, existing facilities shall remove from service all perchloroethylene dry cleaning machines at co-residential locations.
- By July 1, 2010, or 15 years after the date of manufacturer, whichever comes later, existing facilities shall remove from service all perchloroethylene closed-loop machines including primary control, add-on secondary control, and integral secondary control machines. If the age of the machine cannot be obtained, the machine shall be removed from service by July 1, 2010.
- By January 1, 2023, existing facilities shall remove from service all remaining perchloroethylene dry cleaning machines.
- Environmental training course completed by at least one (1) employee who is onsite during perchloroethylene dry cleaning operations.
- Proper operation and maintenance of perchloroethylene dry cleaning equipment.
- Weekly leak check and equipment repair.
- Once per calendar year, inspection for liquid or vapor leaks using a portable detector which gives quantitative results.
- Recordkeeping and annual reporting by all facilities.

