



San Diego County
**Air Pollution
Control District**

June 25, 2026

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A PERMIT TO OPERATE FOR AN AUTOBODY REFINISHING
OPERATION**

**ATTENTION: NEARBY RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES & PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN
ATTENDING FAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Why am I receiving this notice?

San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) is the local air pollution control agency for the county of San Diego responsible for controlling emissions from equipment operated at various commercial, industrial, and governmental or public agency facilities. SDAPCD, however, does not have any authority to make zoning decisions on where a facility or equipment can be located in the San Diego County. State law requires local air pollution control districts, such as the SDAPCD, to issue a public notice prior to approving permits for equipment that is located within 1,000 feet of a school and which equipment may increase release of ANY amount of toxic air contaminant into the air, regardless of the amount of toxic emissions and its health impacts. The notice is to be sent to all addresses within 1,000 feet of the proposed equipment, as well as parents or guardians of children attending any schools located within a quarter mile radius of the proposed equipment.

Project Description

An application has been filed with the SDAPCD by Adams Auto Repair & Collision Center to obtain a new Permit to Operate an autobody refinishing paint spray booth located at 4961 University Ave. San Diego CA, 92105. A previous tenant at this location, Kenny's Collision Center, had an automotive spray booth permit, which has since been cancelled, and now the new owner Adams Auto Repair is applying to operate the spray booth. If the new owner had applied for a change of ownership prior to expiration of the old permit, this public notice would not have been required. The automotive paint booth will be used to spray-paint automobiles with coatings that contain air contaminants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and toxic air contaminants (TACs).

What are Toxic Air Contaminants (TACs) and description of emissions

TACs are chemicals in the form of gases, liquids, or particles that when released into the air may cause adverse health effects. Automotive refinishing operations, such as those at autobody shops, spray paint and other coating materials that contain TACs such as Toluene, Xylene, and Parachlorobenzotrifluoride (PCBTF), to repair and refinish cars. To minimize TAC emissions, the permittee complies with all applicable local, state, and federal rules and regulations, limits daily paint usage, and uses spray booths equipped with air pollution control systems, including exhaust fans and overspray filters.

What regulations apply and how does SDAPCD Review the Project to Protect the Air Quality and Public Health

The SDAPCD is committed to improving air quality to protect public health and the environment by applying and enforcing local, state, and federal air quality rules and regulations in San Diego County. SDAPCD evaluates whether the equipment complies with all applicable air quality rules and regulations and that appropriate emission controls are utilized to ensure that the air quality and public health are protected. When SDAPCD issues a permit, the permit will impose such operational and control requirements on the equipment. Equipment is also inspected by SDAPCD personnel on at least an annual basis to ensure the operator is in compliance with all applicable air quality rules and regulations and permit

requirements including any necessary monitoring and testing. Please note that if a project or equipment is compliant with all applicable rules and regulations, SDAPCD does not have the ability (discretionary authority) to deny a permit.

Does this project pose an impact on air quality or public health?

Based on SDAPCD's detailed evaluation of the equipment operation and its emissions, SDAPCD has determined that the autobody refinishing operation complies with all applicable air quality rules and regulations. Potential health impacts have been evaluated for the project using a health risk assessment which ensures that the community is not exposed to pollutants at concentrations which exceed health standards in SDAPCD rules and regulations, and the project overall is expected to operate in compliance with all applicable air quality rules and regulations.

How can I contact SDAPCD to comment on the project or ask a question?

Written comments concerning the air quality issues associated with the SDAPCD's proposed action may be submitted to SDAPCD by August 08, 2026. Please refer to Application No. APCD2026-APP-008977 on all correspondence regarding this project. The SDAPCD's evaluation of this application and proposed permit conditions are available on the SDAPCD's website at: <https://www.sdapcd.org/content/sdapcd/permits/public-notices.html>. Questions regarding this notice may be directed to the SDAPCD's Engineering Division at (858) 586-2600 or APCDEngineering@sdapcd.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alli Weller", written in a cursive style.

Allison Weller

Senior Air Pollution Control Engineer