



Air Pollution Control Board

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COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO RULE 67.3 – METAL PARTS AND PRODUCTS COATING OPERATIONS

On April 9, 2003, the Air Pollution Control Board adopted amendments to existing District Rule 67.3, which controls volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from surface coating of metal parts and products. The rule was first adopted in 1979.

Rule 67.3 has been amended in response to a small business request to provide an exemption for coatings applied to specialty, custom-made signs and sign-related objects. In addition, the rule was amended to clarify certain definitions, and to address an issue that was raised in the recent Air Resources Board program evaluation.

The amendments to Rule 67.3 accomplish the following:

Exemptions	Add an exemption from the current VOC limits for coatings applied to metal surfaces of specialty, custom-made signs and sign-related objects, including those fabricated from the combination of metals with other substrates such as foam, wood, glass, and/or plastic. The new VOC limit is 780 grams of VOC per liter of coating, less water and exempt compounds. Not more than 20 gallons of all such coatings shall be used in each consecutive 12-month period.
Definitions	Clarify certain definitions.
Records	Require keeping additional records which describe the specialty, custom-made object or sign, the coating performance standard required, and the specifications to which the object or sign was produced.

A copy of Rule 67.3 is available by contacting the District at (858) 650-4700 or on the District's web site at www.sdapcd.co.san-diego.ca.us under Information / Notices / Advisories. For more information, please contact the District Compliance Division at (858) 650-4550.

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