

**AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

**AIRBORNE TOXIC CONTROL MEASURE (ATCM) FOR EMISSIONS OF
PERCHLOROETHYLENE ASSOCIATED WITH DRY CLEANING OPERATIONS
AND ADOPTION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR MANUFACTURERS AND
DISTRIBUTORS OF PERCHLOROETHYLENE**

WORKSHOP REPORT

A workshop notice for the implementation of the Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Emissions of Perchloroethylene Associated with Dry Cleaning Operations and Adoption of Requirements for Manufacturers and Distributors of Perchloroethylene (Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 93109 through 93109.2) was mailed to all known individuals who have perchloroethylene dry cleaning machines permitted with the District. Notices were also mailed to all Economic Development Corporations and Chambers of Commerce in San Diego County, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and other interested parties.

A workshop was held on March 26, 2008. One person attended the workshop. Oral comments were received during the workshop.

The comments and District responses are as follows:

1. WORKSHOP COMMENT

If I own and operate a 1997 perchloroethylene dry cleaning machine, when does it need to be removed from service?

DISTRICT RESPONSE

Perchloroethylene dry cleaning machines must be removed from service 15 years from the date of manufacture or by July 1, 2010, whichever is later. Therefore, a 1997 model year dry cleaning machine must be removed from service by December 31, 2012.

2. WORKSHOP COMMENT

Is there money available from CARB or the District to help businesses replace perchloroethylene dry cleaning machines?

DISTRICT RESPONSE

Financial assistance is available for water-based and CO₂ cleaning systems through AB 998 Non-Toxic Dry Cleaning Incentive Program. This program provides \$10,000 grants to dry cleaners that choose to replace their perchloroethylene dry cleaning system with a non-toxic and non-smog forming system. Currently, only water-based and CO₂ cleaning systems qualify as approved technologies. A statewide demonstration program was also established to showcase

these qualifying technologies, and to provide an opportunity to educate business owners of the benefits, costs, and effectiveness of these alternatives. More information can be found at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/dryclean/ab998.htm>.

3. WORKSHOP COMMENT

Has the District or State considered what is going to happen to perchloroethylene dry cleaning machines that must be retired in California? Is there a recycling program?

DISTRICT RESPONSE

The District is not aware of any specific recycling program for perchloroethylene dry cleaning machines.

4. WORKSHOP COMMENT

Can I sell my perchloroethylene machine as part of my dry cleaning business?

DISTRICT RESPONSE

Yes, you may sell your perchloroethylene dry cleaning machine as part of the sale of the entire dry cleaning business and submit a Change of Ownership application to the District. The perchloroethylene dry cleaning machine must be replaced by the new owner 15 years from the date of manufacturer or by July 1, 2010, whichever is later.

Perchloroethylene dry cleaning machines may not be sold separately from the business and/or relocated to another dry cleaner in California after January 1, 2008.

5. WORKSHOP COMMENT

The South Coast Air Quality Management District has an incentive program to encourage and assist their local dry cleaners with replacing perchloroethylene dry cleaning machines. Does San Diego have a similar program? Will one be created in the future?

DISTRICT RESPONSE

The San Diego Air Pollution Control District does not currently have an incentive program to encourage and assist San Diego dry cleaners with perchloroethylene dry cleaning machine replacement. The District does not anticipate creating such a program in the future.