Air Pollution Control Board

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WEBINAR

FOR DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
RULE 67.0.1 – ARCHITECTURAL COATINGS

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) invites you to participate in the following public webinar to discuss and provide input regarding draft proposed amendments to Rule 67.0.1 (Architectural Coatings). Comments and questions concerning these proposals may be submitted in writing before or made at the webinar, which is scheduled as follows:

DATE:	Wednesday, September 16, 2020
TIME:	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:	Via web browser or mobile device at: https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/crvpsfqy *(Enter your name, e-mail address, and click on "Join as Guest")*

The San Diego region does not meet the current California and National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone pollution. Consequently, the District is required by State and federal law to update its rules to further control and reduce ozone-forming emissions in the region. This includes volatile organic compound (VOCs) emitted from the use of architectural coatings such as house paints, stains, varnishes, and other coatings. These coatings often contain VOC-laden solvent that evaporates into the air as the coating is applied and dries.

Existing Rule 67.0.1 sets limits on the VOC content of architectural coatings. The rule was adopted by the District Board in 2015. It was subsequently approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the San Diego County portion of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for attaining and maintaining the air quality standards.

Since the rule's adoption in 2015, advances in coating formulation processes have resulted in many types of architectural coatings with a lower VOC content. In 2019, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted a Suggested Control Measure (SCM) for architectural coatings, which is a model rule to promote statewide uniformity in the regulation of such products. The District will propose to adopt and implement CARB's 2019 SCM in San Diego County.

In summary, the draft proposed amendments to Rule 67.0.1 will:

- Establish new coating categories and corresponding VOC content limits.
- Establish lower VOC content limits for various existing coating categories.
- Establish new VOC content limits for colorants added to coatings.

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- Update several test methods to reflect the latest versions.
- Add an anti-bundling provision to prevent bundling of exempt small containers to avoid meeting coating category limits.
- Pursuant to the Clean Air Act, add a contingency measure provision that removes the small container exemption from the rule only if and when the EPA were to issue a finding that the region did not meet certain federally mandated requirements regarding the 2008 or 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone. (Join the webinar to learn more.)

Copies of the draft proposed amendments to Rule 67.0.1 are available on the District's website at https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/apcd/en/Rule_Development/Workshops.html. Those unable to access the document may contact Janet McCue at (858) 586-2712.

If you have any questions concerning the draft proposal or wish to submit comments, please contact Randy Consolacion (858-586-2752, randy.consolacion@sdcounty.ca.gov) or Angela M. Ortega (angela.ortega@sdcounty.ca.gov).

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