

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE ADVISORY

APCD RULE 74.12 IMPORTANCE NOTICE FOR METAL PARTS AND PRODUCTS COATERS

On April 8, 2008, the Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board adopted revisions to Rule 74.12, Surface Coating of Metal Parts and Products. <u>The Rule revisions go into effect on July 7, 2008.</u> The most significant revisions to the Rule are:

- ✓ The Rule requires the use of low-emission cleanup solvents for surface preparation, spray gun cleaning and general purpose cleanup. The reactive organic compounds (ROC) content is limited to no more than 25 grams per liter.
- ✓ The Rule reduces the ROC limit for general air-dry one-component coatings from 2.8 pounds per gallon to 2.3 pounds per gallon and creates a new multi-component coating category with an ROC limit of 2.8 pounds per gallon; this category excludes other listed specialty multi-component coatings.
- ✓ The special coating category for laboratory furniture coatings has been eliminated. Existing laboratory furniture coating operations must use coatings that meet the general air-dry one-component limit of 2.3 pounds per gallon.

These revisions to the Rule are required because, under the provisions of the California Health and Safety Code, the District is required to implement "every feasible measure" to reduce ozone precursor emissions (including ROC) to attain the California ambient ozone standard. These new requirements have been in effect in the South Coast Air Quality Management District for a number of years. Contact your coating or solvent suppliers for more information.

Other changes to the Rule include a revised definition of HVLP spray equipment. In the new definition, the requirement for a maximum fluid delivery pressure has been removed. New definitions for "Capture Efficiency," "One-component Coating," and "Multi-component Coating" have been added.

For a copy of the revised rule, see the Rule Development page on the District's web site at www.vcapcd.org/rules_division.htm or contact Don Price at 805/645-1407.

If you have questions regarding permit requirements, please contact Ken Hall at 805/645-1401.

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