



Air Pollution Control Board

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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

FOR DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 67.16 – GRAPHIC ARTS OPERATIONS, AND RELATED CHANGES TO RULE 11 – EXEMPTIONS FROM RULE 10 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

The San Diego Air Pollution Control District (District) will hold a public workshop to discuss proposed amendments to Rule 67.16 – Graphic Arts Operations, and related amendments to Rule 11 – Exemptions from Rule 10 Permit Requirements. Comments or questions may be submitted in writing before or made at the workshop, which is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Thursday, January 13, 2011

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

PLACE: San Diego Air Pollution Control District
Main Conference Room
10124 Old Grove Road
San Diego, CA 92131

Air quality in San Diego County has substantially improved over the past two decades due to comprehensive efforts to reduce air pollutant emissions. Nevertheless, State and federal air quality standards for ozone are not met in the region. Consequently, emissions of air pollutants that form ozone, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs), must be reduced. State and federal laws require the District to update its rules to control VOC emissions from stationary sources as control technologies improve or control costs are reduced.

Existing Rule 67.16 regulates VOC emissions from graphic arts operations and has not been updated since 1996. The District is now proposing to amend the rule reflecting the availability of materials with lower VOC emissions for graphic arts operations, and to implement control technique guidelines established by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2006.

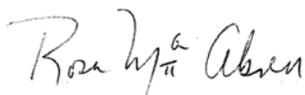
In summary, the proposed amendments will:

- Reduce the VOC content limit for fountain solutions to 5% VOC by volume;
- Prohibit the use of fountain solutions containing alcohol;

- Reduce the VOC content limit for cleaning materials to less than 100 grams/liter, although this limit does not apply if the composite VOC vapor pressure is 5 mm Hg or less at 20°C;
- Include new or revised definitions including definitions for digital printing operations;
- Exempt digital printing operations from Rule 67.16, provided that specified records are maintained for commercial operations of certain print capacity; and
- Update the test methods for determining VOC content and VOC vapor pressure of graphic arts and cleaning materials and the overall control efficiency of emission control systems.

In conjunction with the proposed amendments to Rule 67.16, the District also proposes to amend Subsection (d)(11) of current Rule 11 (Exemptions from Rule 10 Permit Requirements). The amendments will state that air quality permits are not required of digital printing operations of specified print capacity, provided that records required by the proposed amended Rule 67.16 are maintained.

The District requests that workshop participants bring their own copies of proposed amended Rules 67.16 and 11. Copies may be downloaded from the District's website at http://www.sdapcd.org/homepage/public_part/workshops/public_workshops.pdf. Those without internet access may contact Janet McCue at (858) 586-2712. If you have any questions concerning the proposal, please contact Angela Durr at (858) 586-2753, Natalie Yates at (858) 586-2756 or Robert Reider at (858) 586-2640.



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