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## COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

### NOTICE TO PERMIT HOLDERS OF PORTABLE ABRASIVE BLASTING OPERATIONS

The Air Pollution Control District (District) regulates sandblasting operations through permitting and periodic inspections. The District has inspected operations which were approved as unconfined sandblasting operations, but in practice operated as confined operations. Additionally, the District has found sandblasting operations that have been modified by adding, removing or replacing air pollution control equipment (e.g., dust collector) without prior approval from the District.

The purpose of this notice is to advise sandblasting operators that, in accordance with Rule 10 or Rule 12.1, District approval is required prior to modifying equipment as described on a District permit to operate (P/O) or certificate of registration (C/R). Please carefully review the equipment description of your P/O or C/R to ensure compliance with Rule 10 or Rule 12.1. **If your P/O or C/R is current and reflects your existing abrasive blasting operation, no action is required at this time.** If your abrasive blasting operation deviates from the equipment description of your P/O or C/R, you must submit an application to request a modification.

If you have any questions about modifying your abrasive blasting equipment, please contact Sharen Eden at (858) 586-2744. If you have any questions concerning compliance with your permit, please contact Jorge Lopez at (858) 586-2682 or Eric Luther at (858) 586-2656.

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