

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

To: Governor's Office of Planning and Research - **From:** South Coast Air Quality Management
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Project Title: Proposed Amended Rule 1469.1 – Spraying Operations Using Coatings Containing Chromium

Project Location: The proposed project is located within the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (South Coast AQMD) jurisdiction, which includes the four-county South Coast Air Basin (all of Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portion of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the non-Palo Verde, Riverside County portion of the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: South Coast AQMD is proposing amendments to Rule 1469.1 to reduce emissions of hexavalent chromium from the spraying of chromate coatings and from related activities by: 1) updating point source requirements and control device parameter monitoring to maximize and ensure capture and control of hexavalent chromium; 2) updating housekeeping requirements and adding best management practices and building enclosure requirements to minimize the accumulation of hexavalent chromium-containing materials which may become fugitive emissions; 3) proposing new requirements for conducting visual inspections and duct cleaning; 4) revising recordkeeping requirements; 5) establishing prohibitions for new open face spray booths and spray booths located outdoors; 6) updating definitions of terms; and 7) revising exemptions.

Public Agency Approving Project: South Coast Air Quality Management District
Agency Carrying Out Project: South Coast Air Quality Management District

Exempt Status: CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption

Reasons why project is exempt: South Coast AQMD, as Lead Agency, has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to: 1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA; and 2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Since the only physical modifications that may occur as a result of the proposed project are associated with implementing the building enclosure requirements, which may be achieved without involving construction or via minimal construction activities, depending on the affected facility, it can be seen with certainty that implementing the proposed project would not cause significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption.

Date of Project Approval: South Coast AQMD Governing Board Public Hearing: June 4, 2021

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