

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop

PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1171 – SOLVENT CLEANING OPERATIONS

Friday March 28, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting - from PC or Laptop:

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The Public Workshop will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom) which can be accessed via personal computer or smart phone. Alternatively, stakeholders can phone in to participate. We understand that this is not the same as an in-person public meeting; however, staff will take the time to listen to comments from all stakeholders. Instructions on how to participate can be found at the top of this notice.

Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a Public Workshop to present and solicit information and suggestions from the public regarding the adoption of: Proposed Amended Rule 1171 – Solvent Cleaning Operations (PAR 1171) which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on June 6, 2025 (subject to change).

Rule Background

Rule 1171 was adopted in August 1991 to limit volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions, toxic air contaminants, stratospheric ozone-depleting compounds, and global-warming compound emissions from solvent cleaning materials used in cleaning operations during the production, repair, maintenance, or servicing of products, tools, machinery, and general work areas. Rule 1171 has been amended 10 times since rule adoption and was last amended in 2009.

Objective of Proposed Amended Rule

The objective of PAR 1171 is to prohibit the use of two exempt or partially exempt solvents that have been determined to have toxic endpoints: para-chlorobenzotrifluoride (pCBtF) and *tert*-butyl acetate (t-BAc). Most solvent cleaning materials subject to Rule 1171 are not formulated with pCBtF or t-BAc; therefore, staff is proposing to have the prohibition take effect relatively quickly after rule adoption. To address the current limited use of these solvents, PAR 1171 proposes a sell-through and use-through timeline to provide sufficient time for suitable replacement of solvent cleaning materials that do not contain pCBtF or t-BAc and to prevent stranded assets. PAR 1171 also clarifies and updates rule language, restructures the rule, and removes outdated rule language.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD's certified regulatory program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l); codified in South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is currently reviewing the proposed project (PAR 1171) to determine if it will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation will be prepared based on the analysis.

Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available no later than March 21, 2025:

- Preliminary Draft of PAR 1171; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PAR 1171

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of Preliminary Draft PAR 1171 and the Preliminary Draft Staff Report may be obtained from:

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The documents will also be available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:
<https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1171>

Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the Public Workshop. The agenda will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Government Code Section 54954.2(a)). In addition, other documents may be requested in alternative formats and languages. Any disability or language-related accommodation must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated unless providing the accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration or undue burden to the South Coast AQMD. Please contact Marissa Poon at (909) 396-2119 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to mpoon@aqmd.gov.

Key Contacts for Submitting Questions and Comments

Attendees are invited to ask questions and make comments during the Public Workshop. Questions, comments, documents, or other relevant information may also be directed to:

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Staff requests written comments on PAR 1171 be submitted no later than **April 11, 2025**.