



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF A DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1168 – ADHESIVE AND SEALANT APPLICATIONS**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is the Lead Agency and has prepared a Draft Subsequent Environmental Assessment (SEA) to analyze environmental impacts for the proposed project identified above pursuant to its certified regulatory program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l), and South Coast AQMD Rule 110). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15152, 15162, and 15385, the Draft SEA tiers off of the previously certified Final Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the amendments to Rule 1168 that were adopted on October 6, 2017.

This letter and the NOC/Draft SEA are not South Coast AQMD applications or forms requiring a response from you. Their purpose is simply to provide information to you on the proposed project. **No action on your part is necessary if the proposed project has no bearing on you or your organization.** The proposed project's description, location, and potential adverse environmental impacts are summarized in the NOC. Information on how to obtain the Draft SEA and other relevant documents is provided in the attached NOC.

The NOC has been filed for posting with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. The NOC/Draft SEA has also been electronically filed with the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to be posted on their CEQAnet Web Portal which, upon posting, may be accessed via the following weblink: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/search/recent>. In addition, the NOC/Draft SEA and other relevant documents have been electronically posted on the South Coast AQMD's webpage which can be accessed via the following weblink: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-scaqmd-projects>.

Comments focusing on your area of expertise, your agency's area of jurisdiction, if applicable, or issues relative to the environmental analysis for the proposed project will be accepted during a 45-day public review and comment period beginning September 6, 2022 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2022. Please send any comments relative to the CEQA analysis in the Draft SEA to Sina Taghvaei via email to [staghvaei@aqmd.gov](mailto:staghvaei@aqmd.gov), via facsimile to (909) 396-3982, or by mail (c/o PRDI/CEQA) to the address shown above. Please include the name, phone number and email address of the contact person, and the organization name, if applicable. Questions regarding the proposed amended rule language should be directed to Mojtaba Moghani at (909) 396-2527 or by email to [MMoghani@aqmd.gov](mailto:MMoghani@aqmd.gov).

The proposed project will be considered at the Governing Board Meeting (Public Hearing) on November 4, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. (subject to change). The Governing Board Meeting agenda with details on how the public can participate will be posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting on South Coast AQMD's website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION (NOC) OF A DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**To:** County Clerks for the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino; and Governor's Office of Planning and Research – State Clearinghouse

**From:** South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

**Project Title:** Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1168 – Adhesive and Sealant Applications

**Project Location:** The proposed project is located in the South Coast Air Quality Management District (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:** PAR 1168 proposes to: 1) prohibit the use of parachlorobenzotrifluoride (pCBtF) and tertiary-Butyl Acetate (t-BAC) due to toxicity concerns; 2) delay the effective dates of volatile organic compound (VOC) emission limits or maintain the existing VOC emission limits for certain categories of adhesives and sealants; 3) create additional subcategories of regulated products to better characterize and refine VOC emission limits; and 4) update and clarify rule language. PAR 1168 is expected to cause delayed and permanent foregone VOC emission reductions of 0.12 ton per day (tpd) and 0.28 tpd, respectively, due to extending the effective dates and maintaining the existing VOC limits for certain categories of regulated products. The Draft SEA concluded that significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impacts may occur for air quality during operation. No other significant adverse impacts were identified. Products subject to PAR 1168 may be used at facilities and other locations within the South Coast AQMD's Jurisdiction that may be identified on lists compiled by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control per Government Code Section 65962.5. However, the implementation of PAR 1168 will not alter the status of the facilities and other locations on the lists.

**Lead Agency:** South Coast AQMD

**Division:** Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation

**The NOC, Draft SEA and all supporting documentation are available for public review from:**

1) South Coast AQMD website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-scaqmd-projects>; 2) South Coast AQMD Public Information Center by email at [PICrequests@aqmd.gov](mailto:PICrequests@aqmd.gov) and by phone at (909) 396-2039; and 3) State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research website at <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/search/recent>.

**The Draft SEA tiers off of the October 2017 Final EA for Rule 1168 is available from South Coast AQMD's website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-SCAQMD-projects/SCAQMD-projects---year-2017>. PAR 1168 and all supporting documentation are available from South Coast AQMD's website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1168>.**

**The NOC is provided to the public through the following:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles Times (September 6, 2022)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Coast AQMD Mailing List & Interested Parties |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Coast AQMD Website  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Coast AQMD Public Information Center         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research Website |  |

**Draft SEA Review Period (45 days):** September 6, 2022 to October 21, 2022

**Scheduled Public Meeting Date(s) (subject to change):** The proposed project will be considered at the Governing Board Meeting (Public Hearing) on November 4, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. (subject to change). The Governing Board Meeting agenda with details on how the public can participate will be posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting on South Coast AQMD's website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

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