

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Note: the date of this Board Hearing was changed to
September 20 after the notice was published**

Thursday, September 16, 2010, at approximately 1:30 p.m.
Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
511 East Lakeside Parkway
Santa Maria, California 93455

**Adoption of Amended “Reactive Organic Compound” Definition and
Amendments to Rules on Solvent Cleaning Machines and Solvent Cleaning,
Definitions, and Permitting Provisions**

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing at the time and location listed above to accept comments and consider adoption of amended Rule 321 (Solvent Cleaning Machines and Solvent Cleaning), Rule 102 (Definitions), and Rule 202 (Exemptions to Rule 201).

Project Description: The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) proposes modifications to Rule 321 to implement revised requirements for solvent cleaning machines and new requirements for solvent cleaning. The proposed revisions to Rule 321 are expected to result in about 0.5 ton per day of reactive organic compound (ROC) emission reduction in Santa Barbara County. This rulemaking also includes modifications to Rule 102 (Definitions) and Rule 202 (Exemptions to Rule 201) for consistency with the revised Rule 321 provisions.

Sources and Activities Potentially Affected: For the Rule 102 revisions to the definition of “*reactive organic compound*”: solvent manufacturers and manufacturers of products that contain solvent, which consist of or include compounds classified as exempt by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Also, the end users of such solvents and products. For the revised solvent cleaning machine and solvent cleaning rule and the exemption rule, sources involved in the following: oil and gas exploration, production, processing and marketing; mineral processing; construction; repair shops; manufacturers; and space vehicle and satellite processing. Also affected are any other activities that:

1. Use a solvent cleaning machine (degreaser), and/or
2. Employ solvent cleaning (e.g., wipe cleaning) and are not already regulated by a source-specific District rule (i.e., Rule 325, 326, 330, 337, 339, 343, 344, 349, 351, 353, or 354).

Public Comment: The District is soliciting comments on the project. You may submit written comments to the project manager identified below prior to the close of the public comment period on August 23, 2010 at 5 p.m.

Project Details: The District is revising the Rule 102 ROC definition to incorporate all of the federal 40 CFR, Part 51, Section 51.100(s) exempt compounds. However, revisions to Rule 202 will stipulate that the use of some of these newly-designated exempt compounds above a certain threshold will require a District approval in the form of an Authority to Construct and Permit to Operate. The proposed amended Rule 321 contains new ROC content limits, revised equipment requirements for degreasers, and new requirements for solvent cleaning devices and methods. These proposed provisions apply to two general categories: 1) solvent cleaning machines (degreasers), and 2) solvent cleaning done outside of solvent cleaning machines (e.g., wipe cleaning). The scope of the rulemaking action includes adding new definitions to Rule 102 (Definitions) and making minor changes to Rule 202 (Exemptions to Rule 201) for clarity and consistency with the revised Rule 321 provisions.

Environmental Review Findings: The District found that the potential environmental impacts of the project were adequately analyzed in the 1991 Air Quality Attainment Plan Environmental Impact Report (1991 AQAP EIR) and the 2004 Clean Air Plan Supplemental EIR. Pursuant to Section 15164 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, staff prepared an Addendum to the 1991 AQAP EIR. Amendments to Rules 102, 202, and 321 are expected to have beneficial impacts on the environment. Amendments to Rules 102, 202, and 321 are within the scope of the 1991 AQAP EIR approved earlier. The program EIR adequately describes the adoption of Rules 102, 202, and 321 for the purposes of CEQA. Any subsequent changes to the project description will necessitate additional environmental review under the CEQA.

Document Availability: A Background Paper and the proposed amended rules for this project may be reviewed on the District’s website, www.sbcapcd.org/notices.htm. Hard copies will be made available upon request.

How to Comment: Please provide written comments to the project manager, Douglas Grapple via this email: GrappleD@sbcapcd.org, or by mail at Santa Barbara County, Air Pollution Control District, 260 N. San Antonio Rd, Suite A, Santa Barbara, CA 93110, Attn: Doug Grapple. Written comments are to be received by August 23, 2010, 5 p.m.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations to participate in the meeting should contact the District at least three working days prior to the scheduled meeting.