



C&E Advisor

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Compliance & Enforcement Division

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This Advisory is provided to inform you about activities of the District which may affect your operation. It is intended to assist you in your effort to achieve and maintain compliance with applicable air pollution rules and regulations.

ATTENTION: OPERATORS OF VAPOR SOLVENT CLEANERS

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORTS FOR USERS OF HALOGENATED SOLVENTS

The annual report for operators of vapor solvent cleaners using halogenated cleaners was due on February 1st. The following halogenated solvents are regulated: **methylene chloride, perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, carbon tetrachloride and chloroform**. The National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPS), "Halogenated Solvent Cleaning", sets emissions standards and pollution prevention strategies for these solvent cleaners.

According to the NESHAPS, every operator of vapor solvent cleaners subject to the federal rule must annually notify the administrator of the federal requirements specified by the applicable sections. Approximately twelve facilities in the Bay Area are still required to submit these annual reports to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). To assure that these reports are received by the EPA and to improve compliance, the Air District is also requesting that you send a duplicate copy of your report to the Compliance and Enforcement Division of the Air District.

Sending your annual report to the Air District will assure that the federal and District requirements are met. If you have not submitted your report, please immediately send it to the District. If your report has already been submitted to the EPA, please send a duplicate copy to the Air District. All copies should be submitted to the Compliance and Enforcement Division, at the address listed below, Attention: Tommie Mayfield, Principal Air Quality Specialist.

For information on the District solvent cleaner rule, check the following:
www.baaqmd.gov/dst/regs/rg0816.pdf.

For the federal requirements, check www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/eparules.html.

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