



BAY AREA
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

May 22, 2009

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
REGULATION 8, RULE 3: ARCHITECTURAL
COATINGS**

On **Wednesday, July 1, 2009**, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) will conduct a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 3: Architectural Coatings (Rule 8-3) and the adoption of a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Hearing will be held in the 7th Floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco. District Board meetings commence at 9:45 a.m.

Architectural coatings include house paints, stains, primers, roof coatings, waterproofing sealers, and industrial maintenance coatings. Architectural coatings are used for aesthetics, for protection, and for labeling on stationary structures such as buildings, fences, and roadways. When these coatings are applied, VOCs are emitted. Solvents that are used for thinning and cleaning are also sources of VOCs.

The Air District regulates emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) from architectural coatings through limits contained in Rule 8-3. This proposal would further limit the amount of VOCs that would be allowed in architectural coatings. The proposed VOC limits are based on the emission standards recommended by the Final Approved Suggested Control Measure for Architectural Coatings developed by the California Air Resources Board in 2007. Consideration of lower VOC limits was a further study measure (FS-2) in the 2005 Ozone Strategy.

The proposed amendments would result in a VOC emission reduction of 5.4 tons per day, or about a 32 percent reduction of Bay Area emissions for this source category. The total cost to implement the proposal results in an average cost increase of \$1.21 per gallon of coating. The resulting cost effectiveness is \$2,243 per ton of VOC reduced. A socioeconomic impact analysis found no significant impacts on Bay Area jobs or the economy. An environmental impact analysis found no adverse environmental impacts and a CEQA Negative Declaration is proposed.

The following table provides a summary of the VOC limits for architectural coatings the District is proposing for incorporation into Rule 8-3.

Proposed Coating Categories and VOC Limits

Proposed Coating Category: (Coatings listed in bold face have a proposed change in VOC limits.)	Proposed VOC Limits (g/l)	
	Effective Dates	
	1/1/2011	1/1/2012
Flat Coatings	50	
Nonflat Coatings	100	
Nonflat – High Gloss Coatings	150	
SPECIALTY COATINGS		
Aluminum Roof	400	
Basement Specialty Coatings	400	
Bituminous Roof Coatings	50	
Bituminous Roof Primers	350	
Bond Breakers	350	
Concrete Curing Compounds	350	
Concrete/Masonry Sealers	100	
Driveway Sealer	50	
Dry Fog Coatings	150	
Faux Finishing Coatings	350	
Fire Restive Coatings	350	
Floor Coatings	100	
Form-Release Compounds	250	
Graphic Arts Coatings (Sign Paints)	500	
High Temperature Coatings	420	
Industrial Maintenance Coatings	250	
Low Solids Coatings	120	
Magnesite Cement Coatings	450	
Mastic Texture Coatings	100	
Metallic Pigmented Coatings	500	
Multi-Color Coatings	250	
Pre-Treatment Wash Primers	420	
Primers, Sealers, and Undercoaters	100	
Reactive Penetrating Sealer	350	
Recycled Coatings	250	
Roof Coatings	50	
Rust Preventative Coatings		250
Shellacs:		
Clear	730	
Opaque	550	
Specialty Primers, Sealers and Undercoaters (Specialty PSU)		100
Stains	250	
Stone Consolidants	450	
Swimming Pool Coatings	340	
Traffic Marking Coatings	100	
Tub and Tile Refinish	420	
Waterproofing Membranes	250	
Wood Coatings	275	
Wood Preservatives	350	
Zinc-Rich Primer	340	

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.), an initial study for the proposed amendments has been conducted, concluding that the proposed amendments would not have significant adverse environmental impacts. Notice is hereby given that the District intends

to adopt a negative declaration for the proposed amendments pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(c) and CEQA Guidelines section 15070 et seq.

The proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 3: Architectural Coatings, a staff report, socioeconomic analysis, CEQA Environmental Analysis and draft Negative Declaration are available on the District's web site at http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory_public_hearings.htm, or at the District office at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, or by request. Questions or comments on the proposed amendments and Negative Declaration should be directed to Victor Douglas, Principal Air Quality Specialist, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109, at (415) 749-4752, via fax at (415) 749-4741, or via e-mail at vdouglas@baaqmd.gov. Comments on the regulatory proposal and Negative Declaration will be received from Friday, May 22, 2009 until 5:00 pm on Friday, June 12, 2009.