



Environmental Auditing: Air Quality Management in San Diego

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new & noteworthy

- **San Diego County Air Pollution Control District – Architectural Coatings:** Effective January 1, 2022, the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDACPD) has adopted amendments to Rule 67.0.1, which sets limits on the VOC content of architectural coatings. The revised rule establishes new coating categories along with corresponding VOC content limits, sets lower VOC content limits for various existing coating categories, and establishes new VOC content limits for colorants added to coatings. It also updates several test methods and adds an anti-bundling provision to prevent bundling of exempt small containers to avoid meeting coating category limits. Lastly, the rule adds a contingency measure provision that removes the small container exemption from the rule only if and when EPA were to issue a finding that the region did not meet certain federally mandated requirements regarding the 2008 or 2015 NAAQS for ozone.

This rule change affects **Air Quality Management SDAPCD Rulebook B, Organic Compounds**.

highlights of this release

- **Air Quality Management in SDAPCD Rulebook B, Organic Compounds**, was updated to incorporate amendments to Rule 67.0.1, which sets limits on the VOC content of architectural coatings.
- **Air Quality Management in SDAPCD, Part D, State-wide Rules**, was revised to update requirements for in-use off-road diesel-fueled vehicle fleets.

release notes

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did you know?

- **Santa Diego County Air Toxics Hot Spots Report:** The Community Air Protection Program (AB 617) was established by CARB in response to Assembly Bill (AB) 617. The Program's mission is to reduce pollution exposure in communities based on environmental, health and socioeconomic information. This statewide effort requires community air monitoring, community emission reduction plans, and incentive funding to deploy the cleanest technologies in the most impacted areas. SDAPCD is leading efforts to implement the program in San Diego County, and has established the Portside Environmental Justice Community, which encompasses parts of Barrio Logan, Logan Heights, Sherman Heights, and National City. In the County, the Portside Community was selected as a monitoring community and has developed a Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP). Information is available at: <https://www.sdapcd.org/content/sdapcd/community/community-air-protection-program.html>.



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