

### Reducing VOC and Toxic Emissions



### Sources of Ozone\*

#### VOC Emissions: 433 tons/day





\* Year 2023 baseline emissions – Summer Planning Inventory

#### ROG Emission Trends (tons/day, annual average)



### Major Source Contribution To VOC (2023)



AQMD

2023 VOC = 530 tons/day Source: 2012 AQMP

### VOC Source Specific Rules Industrial Coatings and Solvents

- Boats (Rules 1106 & 1106.1)
- Metal (Rule 1107)
- Batch Cleaning (Rule 1122)
- Solvent Cleaning
- Aerospace (Rule 1124)
- Metal coil and containers (Rule 1125)
- Printing (Rules 1130 & 1130.1)

- Wood (Rule 1136)
- Metalworking fluids (Rule 1144)
- Plastic/Rubber/Glass (Rule 1145)
- Auto refinishing (Rule 1151)
- Polyester Resin (Rule 1162)
- Adhesives (Rule 1168)
- Hand-wipe Cleaning (Rule 1171)



### VOC Source Specific Rules Fugitive Emissions

- Fuel Dispensing (Rule 461)
- Liquid Loading (Rule 462)
- Liquid Storage (Rule 463)
- Refinery Process Turnarounds (Rule 1123)
- Oil Wells (Rules 1148, 1148.1, 1148.2)
- Storage Tank Degassing (Rule 1149)

- Landfills (Rule 1150, 1150.1, 1150.2)
- Leaks from Refineries (Rule 1173)
- Sumps and Wastewater Separators (Rule 1176)
- LPG Transfer and Dispensing (Rule 1177)
- Storage at Refineries (Rule 1178)



### VOC Source Specific Rules Consumer Related

- Dry Cleaning (Rule 1102)
- Architectural Coatings (Rule 1113)
- Paint Thinners and Multi-purpose Solvents (Rule 1143)
- Aerosol Coatings (CARB)
- Household and Institutional Products (CARB)



### **Coating Regulatory Requirements**

- Applicability and Purpose
- Definitions
- Coating VOC content
  - Prohibits use of high VOC coatings
- Transfer Efficiency
  - HVLP
- Solvent Use
  - <25 g/l



 Control Equipment (optional)



### **General VOC Content Limits**

	VOC
Product Type	Content(g/L)
Adhesive	50 - 150
Architectural Coating	50 -100
Industrial Coating	100 - 420
Inks	225 - 300
Cleaning	25 - 100

Limits designed to encourage the use of low and non-solvent technologies



### **Architectural Coatings**



Solvent-based Alkyd, Epoxy, Urethanes

Summer (Planning) Inventory about 30% higher

**Annual Average Emissions** 80 **| 7**7 🔶 74 70 **6**4 **6**0 60 52 50 Tons Per Day 40 30 20 10 1996 2000 2004 2010 2011\* Year Emission Inventory Emission Reductions Achieved — Uncontrolled Emissions Inventory



Rule Limits: VOC 50 – 100 g/l Numerous Commercial Coatings: VOC < 10g/l Colorants Limit: VOC 50 g/l – First in U.S.

100% Solids Acrylics Alkyd Emulsions Waterborne Epoxy & Urethanes Exempt Solvent-based



### **Basis for VOC Limits**

- Feedback from manufacturers
- CARB Coating Survey
- Commercial volume reporting
- Data search for compliant materials
- Technical Advisory Committee and Working Groups
- Technical Assessments
  - Laboratory Evaluation
  - Field Evaluation
  - Accelerated Weathering





# **Staff Findings**

- Greater number of compliant or super-compliant products virtually in all coating categories
- Courts have upheld technical feasibility
- Private Standards Groups conducting paint testing
- Significant reduction in VOCs with toxic and health concerns

- Xylene, toluene, ethylbenzene





**Consumer Paint Thinner** 

& Multi-Purpose Solvent



<sup>2003</sup> Year<sup>2005</sup> Emission Reductions Achieved Uncontrolled Emissions Inventory Emission Inventory

### Vapor Degreasers



1995

 Airless/Airtight
Reduced solvent use and waste



Virtually no emissions





### **Automotive Parts Washers**

### **Rule 1171 - Repair and Maintenance Cleaning**

- Previously used mineral spirits in parts washers (remote reservoir)
- Replaced by aqueous parts washers and spray cabinets
  - VOC 50 g/l in 1999
  - VOC 25 g/l in 2005





Remote reservoir

Spray cabinet

# Clean Air Solvents & Clean Air Choices Cleaner Certification Program

- Multi-media certification programs
  - More than 80 participating companies and over 180 certified products
- Ultra-low VOC
- Prohibits toxics
  - PERC
  - TCE
  - Methylene Chloride
  - Xylene
  - Toluene



Methanol

- Glycol ethers
- Ethylene glycol
- Diethanolamine
- Alkylphenol and nonlyphenol ethoxylates





### Objective



 Certify ultra-low VOC cleaning products

- Recognize availability
- Encourage marketing and use



 Reduce VOC emissions and reduce human health and environmental impacts



### **Cost and Performance**

- Tested products with City of Santa Monica, major school district, office buildings
- Chemical prices are the same
- Adequate performance with only minor increase in labor
- Nearly invisible transition for most uses



 Significant reduction in VOCs and toxics



# **Fuel Dispensing**

- 16 billion gal/yr gasoline sales in California
  - Estimated 8.4 lbs/1,000 gal of VOC emissions from uncontrolled fuel dispensing
  - Concurrent reductions in BTEX
  - 56 tons/day emission reductions from Phase I controls
  - 11 tons/day from Phase II controls





### Vapor Recovery at Service Stations



Source: CARB

### Vapor Recovery Controls

- Phase I Fuel deliveries
  - Trucks unload fuel using submerged drop tube
  - Vapors displaced returned to fuel truck
- Phase II Fueling vehicles
  - Nozzle boot captures vapors displaced during fueling
  - Vapors returned to fuel storage tank
  - Phase I controls return vapors to truck during delivery





### Enhanced Inspection and Repair at Refineries and Chemical Plants

- Applies to valves, flanges, pumps, etc.
- Requirements for atmospheric pressure relief devices (PRDs)
  - Monitor to detect any release
  - Notify and report significant releases
- Periodically report PRD release statistics







### Refinery Flaring Reduction SOx Trends as Surrogate



### Enforcement

- Critical aspect of rule process
  - Major impetus for compliance with rules
  - Provides feedback for further rule development and improvements
- Compliance components
  - Prohibition of sales
    - Including labeling of product containers and technical data sheets
  - Visual inspection of equipment
  - Review of permit conditions
  - Examine daily recordkeeping



### Challenges

#### Reactivity vs. Mass-based reductions

- Much more regulatory complexity with Reactivity
- Test methods
  - Low VOC limits in rules challenging methodologies
    - Particularly high water content coatings
- Reactivity vs. Toxicity
  - Added flexibility may increase use of toxic compounds
- Low Vapor Pressure



- Physiochemical properties may provide options
  - Establishing appropriate parameters under study

### Conclusions

- Industry can thrive under "smart" regulations
- Inclusive rule development process key to industry acceptance
- Research and development (R&D) funds going towards development of low and non-solvent technologies
- VOC reductions lead directly to toxics reductions



## **Questions or Comments?**

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