



South Coast Air Quality Management District



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NOTICE TO OWNER/OPERATOR OF PERCHLOROETHYLENE (PERC) DRY CLEANING EQUIPMENT

In 1994, Rule 1421 – Control of Perchloroethylene (PERC) Emissions from Dry Cleaning Systems, was adopted to reflect the requirements of California’s Dry Cleaning Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) and the federal National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP). According to the current version of Rule 1421, any owner or operator of a PERC dry cleaning system within the jurisdictional boundaries of South Coast AQMD shall be allowed to operate its PERC dry cleaning system until **December 31, 2020**, as long as the equipment has integral primary and secondary controls. As of January 1, 2021, all PERC dry cleaning systems within South Coast AQMD must be removed from service by physically removing the machine, or by disconnecting utilities (electric, steam lines) to the machine and draining all PERC from the machine tanks

To assist dry cleaning facilities to switch to non-perc, non-smog forming equipment, South Coast AQMD is offering grant money. There is a limited amount of money available, and it will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

- \$20,000 grants available for: CO2 Machines
- \$10,000 grants available for: Professional Wet Cleaning Systems (water-based system consisting of washer, dryer, tensioning pants topper, and tensioning form finisher, South Coast AQMD approved equipment only)
- Up to \$5,000 grants available for: Incomplete Professional Wet Cleaning Systems

For more information regarding South Coast AQMD’s Financial Incentive to purchase non-toxic, non-smog forming dry cleaning equipment please contact South Coast AQMD’s Small Business Assistance Office at 909-396-3529 or visit the Dry Cleaner Grant webpage at:
<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/business-detail?title=dry-cleaner-grant>.

CARB is also offering additional grant money for eligible dry cleaners. Facilities that currently use PERC are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 if they replace an existing PERC system with a professional wet cleaning system; CO2 system; or other CARB-approved non-toxic, non-smog-forming technology. CARB is offering another grant for up to \$7,500 for facilities that volunteer to be a demonstration site for non-toxic, non-smog forming dry cleaning equipment. For more information on these grant programs, please visit www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/dryclean/ab998.htm.