Surface Coating | General Permit Help Sheet



The purpose of this help sheet is to provide information to new and existing facilities with the Authority to Operate (ATO) under the Surface Coating and Abrasive Blasting General Permit. The information provided is not all inclusive of the permit conditions. Please ensure you fully read, understand, and comply with all permit conditions as you are still subject to the entirety of the permit and all applicable rules.

Compliance Tips



Keep all paint, solvent, thinner or other VOC-containing materials in covered containers when not in use.



Ensure the VOC content of your products does not exceed county VOC limits.



Repair any holes or gaps in the filters if you use a spray booth.



Do not leave any porous materials in solvent cleaning machines. This includes wood-handled brushes.



Ensure your ATO is posted in a visible location.



Educate all employees on what to expect if an inspector arrives onsite.



Recordkeeping Requirements

Recordkeeping requirements vary depending on the size of the facility. Consult your permit for a complete list of records. Common records include:

- A list of all VOC-containing materials, including coatings, adhesives, reducers, thinners, gun cleaning materials and additives.
- A listing of the VOC content before reducing and the VOC content as applied for all coatings and adhesives.
- Safety data sheets (SDS) for all VOC-containing products used.
- Purchase or usage documentation for VOCcontaining materials.
- Records of spray gun transfer efficiency.
- Documentation of spray booth filter efficiency.
- Records of any deviation from the permit.



Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) contribute to harmful ground level ozone pollution.

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Areas of Concern

Evaporation of VOCs

All VOC-containing materials must be stored in closed containers when not in use. This includes cloths and rags soaked in VOC-containing materials.

Spray Booth Filters

Ensure that any spray booths are equipped with filters that are rated at least 92 percent efficient at removing overspray.

VOC Content Limits

All coatings must meet the VOC content limits specified in Maricopa County Air Pollution Regulations Rule 336.





Remember to...

Pay the annual fee.

An annual administrative fee is due every year on the date of ATO issuance. To ensure you receive your annual invoice, please update any changes to your contact information by completing a Contact Information Update Form online:

Maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5581

Paying your annual fee does not renew your ATO.

Renew your ATO prior to the pre-set expiration date.

The Surface Coating and Abrasive Blasting General Permit expires on June 14, 2020 and every five years thereafter, regardless of when your ATO was issued. No renewal fee is required. The renewal application can be found at:

Maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7035

Federal Requirements

If your facility sprays paint that contains cadmium, chromium, manganese, nickel, or lead, or conducts paint stripping using methylene chloride (MeCl), your facility is not eligible for coverage under this general permit. Please contact the Business Assistance office for more information.



Permit Conditions:

Maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16992

Rule 315:

Maricopa.gov/5250

Rule 336:

Maricopa.gov/5265

MACT HHHHHH Petition for Exemption:

youtube.com/watch?v=BI-lnqvf8ZM

Recordkeeping Templates:

Maricopa.gov/1814



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