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Reference: Proposed Amendments to the Consumer Products Regulations

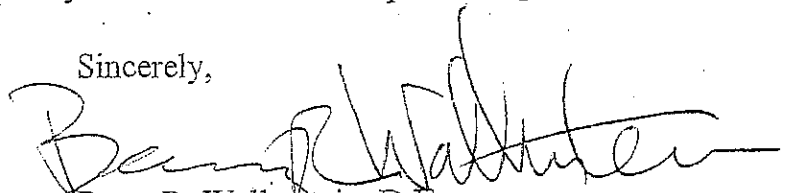
Dear Richard,

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff supports California Air Resources Board's (CARB) proposed amendments to the California Consumer Product Regulation. We congratulate you on your continued efforts to reduce VOCs from important consumer product categories.

Specifically, SCAQMD staff supports the provisions in Section 94509 clarifying that Paint Thinners and Multipurpose Solvents sold in the SCAQMD will meet the VOC limits adopted in SCAQMD Rule 1143, as well as strengthening the exemption criteria to limit sales of Industrial Maintenance Coating Thinning solvents which will limit the use of higher VOC products to uses where truly necessary. These revisions will ensure that all of the expected benefits from ARB's regulation and the SCAQMD's Rule 1143 are fully realized.

AQMD staff looks forward to working closely with CARB staff on the research projects pertaining to low vapor pressure solvents, as well as a mutually agreeable path to attain State and Federal air quality standards and further protecting the health of all Californians.

Sincerely,


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