

July 18, 2019

Mr. Tung Le
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Dear Mr. Le:

On May 23, 2019, the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) approved updates to the Suggested Control Measure for Architectural Coatings (SCM). CARB staff developed the updated SCM, in consultation with the air districts, to replace the 2007 SCM. The updated SCM sets more stringent volatile organic compound (VOC) limits for nine coating categories and proposes VOC limits for three new categories and colorants. The South Coast Air Quality Management District already has VOC limits consistent with those adopted by CARB. Implementation of CARB's 2019 SCM by other districts in California is expected to provide an additional 2.51 tons per day VOC emission reductions statewide.

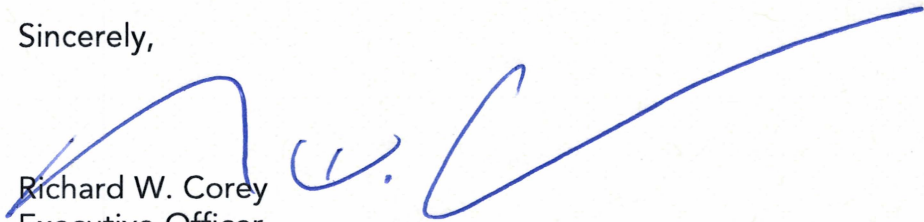
Along with the enclosed SCM, CARB staff prepared a Staff Report, which contains technical assessments for the proposed coating categories, an environmental analysis and an economic impact assessment. This document is available on our website at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/coatings/arch/docs.htm>. To request hard copies, please contact Mr. Jose Gomez, Manager, Technical Development Section at (916) 324-8033.

The SCM was developed for air districts that need additional emission reductions for the attainment or maintenance of federal or State ambient air quality standards. As in the development of the 2007 SCM, uniformity of architectural coatings regulations throughout California was a concern of both the air districts and the coatings industry. Therefore, the Board strongly encourages air districts to adopt the SCM without modification. It is important that the SCM be modified only as necessary for consistency for the format of the district's rules and that the definitions, standards, and effective dates be uniform. CARB staff is ready to assist air districts with the adoption, interpretation, or implementation of the SCM.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kurt Karperos, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739 or contact Dr. Michael Benjamin, Chief, Air Quality and Planning Science Division, at (916) 201-8968.

Sincerely,


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