

Regulatory Advisory:

Perc Dry Cleaning

California Environmental Protection Agency
 **Air Resources Board**

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Dry Cleaning ATCM

On January 25, 2007, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) approved the amendments to the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Emissions of Perchloroethylene (Perc) from Dry Cleaning Operations (Dry Cleaning ATCM) and the adoption of requirements for Perc manufacturers and distributors. On December 27, 2007, the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) completed its review of ARB's final rulemaking file and submitted the approved regulations to the Secretary of State. As a result, the amended Dry Cleaning ATCM and the requirements for Perc manufacturers and distributors became State law on that date. Major requirements of the newly effective Dry Cleaning ATCM and related information are summarized in this advisory.

What are the major new requirements of the Dry Cleaning ATCM?

The Dry Cleaning ATCM:

- Prohibits the sale or lease of new Perc dry cleaning machines beginning on January 1, 2008;
- Eliminates the use of existing Perc machines at co-residential facilities (facilities that share a wall with, or are located in the same building, as a residence) by July 1, 2010;
- Requires that machines that are 15 years or older be removed from service by July 1, 2010;
- Requires that all other Perc machines be removed from service once they become 15 years old or by January 1, 2023, whichever is sooner;
- Expands good operating practices and recordkeeping and reporting requirements for Perc dry cleaners; and
- Requires Perc manufacturers and distributors to report and keep records of their Perc sales to California dry cleaners.

Local air districts are required to implement and enforce the Dry Cleaning ATCM. Please visit our website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/dryclean/reginfo.htm> for a copy of the approved Dry Cleaning ATCM.

Is there any financial assistance available?

The California State Legislature enacted Assembly Bill (AB) 998, which established the Non-Toxic Dry Cleaning Incentive Program. The Non-Toxic Dry Cleaning Incentive Program offers a grant program and a demonstration program. The grant program provides financial assistance (\$10,000) to California dry cleaners for a portion of the cost incurred to replace their existing Perc dry cleaning systems with non-toxic and non-smog forming systems such as water-based and CO₂ cleaning systems. The demonstration program offers funding to participants who showcase professional non-toxic and non-smog forming dry cleaning technologies statewide and educate dry cleaners on the benefits, costs, and effectiveness of these alternatives. Dry cleaners participating in the demonstration program may receive additional funding. Please visit the AB 998 website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/dryclean/ab998.htm> for further information on the Non-Toxic Dry Cleaning Incentive Program.

Who can I contact for more information?

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