

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT (AQMD) FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO PURCHASE NON-PERC
ALTERNATIVE DRY CLEANING EQUIPMENT**

PLEASE NOTE THAT AQMD ALSO OFFERS AN ALTERNATIVE \$12,500 GRANT TO ANY CLEANER INTERESTED
IN A PROFESSIONAL WET CLEANING DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM. FOR DETAILS SEE ATTACHED
INFORMATION OR CALL AQMD CONTRACTOR, PETERS INSHEIMER, AT (323) 259-1420

The AQMD appreciates the participation of the dry cleaning community in crafting Rule 1421-Control of Perchloroethylene (Perc) Emissions. Adopting this rule is a very important step in AQMD's effort to reduce air contaminants in our District. To assist dry cleaners to convert to new methods and to help ease the financial burden of converting to new equipment, AQMD has committed \$2 million in grants to provide financial assistance to dry cleaners converting to non-toxic alternatives.

Financial incentives for the purchase of new non-perc alternative dry cleaning technologies are limited to professional wet cleaning, CO₂ cleaning, and hydrocarbon or other non-perc solvent cleaning equipment. Under this program, grant money will be available to dry cleaning facility owners presenting purchase orders (or purchase agreements) for new non-perc alternatives to replace existing perc machines or to be added to a facility. Grants are limited to one per facility for the first nine months of the grant program. Amount of the financial incentives for the non-perc alternatives are:

- Each approved professional wet cleaning or CO₂ cleaning system will receive a grant not to exceed \$10,000.
- Each approved hydrocarbon solvent dry cleaning equipment will receive a grant not to exceed \$5,000.

With consideration of the Environmental Justice funding priority, first-come-first-served status will be determined by date stamping the applications when they are received. A financial incentive grant will only be approved if the owner of the new non-perc alternative cleaning equipment agrees to the terms and conditions set forth by the AQMD. Verification of a non-perc alternative installation is required before the grant money is distributed to a grant recipient. Please note that AQMD Permits to Construct and Operate or Permits to Operate are required for the installation and operation of hydrocarbon dry cleaning machines. Grant applications for hydrocarbon machines will be approved only after the permits are granted.

1. Complete The GRANT APPLICATION FORM - Application for Financial Assistance for Alternative Dry Cleaning Equipment Purchases. If the information regarding proposed equipment financing (bank loan or lease-to-own) is not available at the time of application submittal, such information shall be submitted to the Public Advisor's Office as soon as possible to allow for the application approval. Funds will not be released until that information is provided.

2. Attach a copy of the manufacturer or distributor's purchase order (or purchase agreement) of the non-perchlorinated dry cleaning equipment. Purchase orders (or purchase agreements) issued prior to December 6, 2002 will not be accepted.
3. Read and sign the attached Financial Assistance Grant Terms and Conditions Agreement document.
4. If you are applying for a grant for the purchase of hydrocarbon solvent cleaning equipment and the equipment has not been permitted by AQMD, you must submit a separate permit application and therequire fee to AQMD.
5. Complete the "BUSINESS INFORMATION REQUEST" Form .
6. Complete Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 – "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification".
7. Submit the application packet to:

South Coast Air Quality Management District
 Attn: Public Advisor
 21865 East Copley Drive
 Diamond Bar, California 91765-0944

If you have any questions regarding the non-perchlorinated financial incentive grant applications and/or the dry cleaning equipment permit applications, please contact the following staff:

Jackson Yoong	(909) 396-3125
Greg Ushijima	(909) 396-3301

CHECKLIST

- COMPLETE GRANT APPLICATION FORM
- COMPLETE AND SIGN THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AGREEMENT DOCUMENT
- COMPLETE AQMD BUSINESS INFORMATION REQUEST FORM
- COMPLETE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE W-9 FORM
- ATTACH A COPY OF THE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE ORDER OR PURCHASE AGREEMENT (dated after December 6, 2002)
- SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO PUBLIC ADVISOR, AQMD (addresses listed above)