

*Albuquerque Environmental Health Department*

John W. Soladay, Director

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Dear Business Owner,

In July of 2006, and most recently in April 2008, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) finalized new rule changes to the original 1993 regulation for dry cleaning facilities using Perchloroethylene (Perc).

**The new rule requires the following actions be taken:**

- 1) submittal of a Notification of Compliance Status report for each facility that you own that uses Perc, whether or not facility is in complete compliance;**
- 2) performance of an additional monthly vapor leak inspection of your dry cleaning system components, while the system is in operation, utilizing either a Halogenated Hydrocarbon Detector or Perc Gas Analyzer that can measure Perc vapor concentrations to a comparable value of 25 parts per million (ppm) or greater; and**
- 3) discontinuance of the use of Transfer Machine Systems (movement of wet clothes containing Perc to another machine for drying).**

City of Albuquerque Air Quality Division (AQD) staff will be providing additional explanation and guidance in meeting these new federal compliance requirements through **non-enforcement** visits to each dry cleaning establishment. The on site assistance visit can be achieved in less than one hour of your time. In order to ensure that you can meet required compliance deadlines, you must contact the AQD at 768-1964 by or before July 28, 2008 to schedule an assistance visit at your convenience.

Included with this letter, for your review prior to an on site visit with AQD staff, are a Notification of Compliance Status form and a listing of available leak detectors.

**Failure to contact the AQD by July 28, 2008 may result in the issuance of a notice of violation that may include monetary penalties.**

The AQD is the authorized agency for administration and enforcement of New Mexico's Air Quality Control Act for all of Bernalillo county, and has been delegated authority by the USEPA to ensure compliance with these new rule changes.

Enclosure: Notification of Compliance Status Form  
Leak Detector List

Environmental Health Dept.  
Air Quality Division