

December 15, 2003. If we receive such comment, we will publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register** to notify the public that this rule will not take effect.

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You can inspect copies of the submitted SIP revisions, EPA's technical support documents (TSDs), and public comments at our Region IX office during normal business hours by appointment. You may also see copies of the submitted SIP revisions by appointment at the following locations:

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Room B-102, 1301 Constitution

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California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814;

San Diego County Air Pollution Control District, 9150 Chesapeake Drive, San Diego, CA 92123;

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, 1990 East Gettysburg Street, Fresno, CA, 93726.

A copy of the rule may also be available via the Internet at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/drdb/drdbtxt.htm>. Please be advised that this is not an EPA website and may not contain the same version of the rule that was submitted to EPA.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Throughout this document, "we," "us" and "our" refer to EPA.

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**I. The State's Submittal**

*A. What Rules Did the State Submit?*

Table 1 lists the rules we are approving with the dates that they were adopted by the local air agencies and submitted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

TABLE 1.—SUBMITTED RULES

Local agency	Rule #	Rule title	Adopted	Submitted
SDCAPCD .....	67.3	Metal Parts and Products .....	04/09/03	06/05/03
SJVUAPCD .....	4605	Aerospace Assembly and Component Coating Operations.	12/20/01	02/20/02

On July 18, 2003 for SDCAPCD Rule 67.3 and March 15, 2002 for SJVUAPCD Rule 4605, EPA found these rule submittals met the completeness criteria in 40 CFR Part 51 Appendix V.

*B. Are There Other Versions of These Rules?*

We approved a version of SDCAPCD Rule 67.3 into the SIP on March 27, 1997 (see 62 **Federal Register** (FR) 14639). Similarly, we approved a version of SJVUAPCD Rule 4605 into the SIP on August 17, 1998 (see 63 FR 43884). Between these SIP incorporations and today, CARB has made no intervening submittals of these two rules.

*C. What Is The Purpose of the Submitted Rule Revisions?*

VOCs help produce ground-level ozone and smog, which harm human health and the environment. Section 110(a) of the CAA requires states to submit regulations that control VOC emissions.

SDCAQMD Rule 67.3 is designed to reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions at industrial sites engaged in metal parts and product coating operations. VOCs are emitted during the preparation and coating of the metal parts and products, as well as the drying phase of the coating process.

Rule 67.3 establishes general emission limits in units of pound of VOC per gallon of coating (lb/gal), and grams of VOC per litre (gr/l) of coating, less water and exempt compounds as applied. Also, the rule allows the use of add-on emission controls whose combined capture and control efficiency must be 85 percent or better and specifies certain operating equipment. The rule also contains provisions for appropriate methods of analysis, exemptions, alternative emission control plans (pursuant to Rule 67.1), record keeping, and emission reduction credits.

SDCAPCD's April 9, 2003 amendments to Rule 67.3 included these significant changes to the May 15, 1996 adopted version within the SIP.

- An exemption was added for specialty sign painting and construction.
- The VOC content definition was deleted and referenced to Rule 2, Subsection (b)(52).

SJVUAPCD Rule 4605 is designed to reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions at industrial sites engaged in manufacturing, assembling, coating, masking, bonding, paint stripping, surface cleaning, service, and maintenance of aerospace components. VOCs are emitted during the preparation, coating, and drying phase

of any of the above listed processes. Rule 4605 establishes general emission limits of VOC per liter of coating less water and exempt compounds as applied. It also allows for the use of add-on emission controls with a combined capture/control efficiency of approximately 81 percent.

SJVUAPCD's December 20, 2001 amendments to Rule 4605 included the following significant changes to its 1998 SIP-limited approved/disapproved version.

- The rule's purpose and applicability statements were changed to include organic solvent cleaning as well as the storage and disposal of organic solvents and waste solvent materials derived from coating operations subject to the rule. The majority of changes to the rule stem from adding organic solvent use, disposal, and storage requirements to the rule.
- Eleven new definitions were added to the rule to support the new rule amendments.
- In Table 1, May 1, 2002 emission limits are delayed until May 1, 2003. However, this change affects only Adhesive Bonding Primer requirements. Adhesive Bonding Primer requirements are amended beginning May 1, 2003. First, several sub-categories are deleted and