



Safety-Kleen Compliance Bulletin



To Our Valued Safety-Kleen Customer:

Safety-Kleen is committed to serving and protecting each and every customer from Maine to California. With the continued increase in eco-conscious, governmental rules and regulations are constantly changing. One of the recent changes that may affect your business is the elimination of parts cleaning solvents with high VOC (volatile organic compound) content in and around San Diego by May 23, 2008.

As you may or may not be aware, the San Diego APCD replaced Rule 67.6 (Solvent Cleaning Operations) with two separate rules; Rule 67.6.1 (Cold Solvent Cleaning and Stripping Operations), and Rule 67.6.2 (Vapor Degreasing Operations). Rule 67.6 will be automatically repealed on May 23, 2008 or stated another way, most petroleum-based parts cleaners will not longer be allowed in the San Diego area except under certain business conditions.

Specifically, Rule 67.6.1 will regulate the use of petroleum-based solvents in cleaning applications due to their VOC content. As of this coming May 23rd, the use of these restricted solvents in the San Diego APCD can only be done if your cleaning processes meet the criteria under one or more of the approved exemptions outlined in section (b)(2) of this rule [*cold solvent cleaning of electronic components, electrical components, medical devices, aerospace components, or precision optics components*].

Rule 67.6.1 was enacted by the San Diego APCD in order to fight smog within the air basin that we all live in. One of the principle components of smog is ozone. Ozone is not usually emitted directly into the air. Instead, it is created at ground-level by a chemical reaction between oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) and VOCs in the presence of sunlight. Ozone has the same chemical structure whether it occurs miles above the earth (where it helps shield us from UV radiation) or at ground-level and can be "good" or "bad" depending on its location in our atmosphere.

Ozone is also a strong oxidizing agent. When ground-level ozone comes into contact with the respiratory tract, it can react with tissues and cause damage in the airways. Since it is a gas, it can penetrate into the gas exchange region of the deep lung. For these reasons, the San Diego APCD enacted Rule 67.6.1 to reduce smog and to protect our health.

Safety-Kleen is committed to helping our customers stay in compliance with the environmental regulations that apply to our products. We take pride in offering world class cleaning solutions that allow your business to operate in compliance with these regulations.

Safety-Kleen's Aqueous Parts Cleaning Alternatives

Prior to the elimination of most petroleum-based parts cleaners in San Diego, we encourage you to review our complete line of service offerings for a parts cleaning solution that fits your business needs including our APCD Compliant Aqueous Parts Cleaning products.



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Safety-Kleen's innovative aqueous parts cleaner product development in concert with our Arm & Hammer partnership has resulted in a line of aqueous parts cleaners that set the standard in our industry for water-based parts cleaning.

From manual sink-on-a-drum parts washers to automated spray cabinets to custom three stage pass-throughs, we offer the best aqueous parts cleaner value and performance in the business.

We also developed over two years and introduced in 2007, the patented Thermawave 507 aqueous parts cleaner pump. This is the most reliable manual aqueous parts cleaner pump in the industry today and can help you meet all of your parts cleaning needs without the use of solvent.

Aqueous not only cleans as well as solvent, but provides a number of other benefits including:

- It is safe for your workers.
- It is safe for the environment.
- It may significantly reduce or eliminate your hazardous waste generation.
- It can be used in automated applications that save you and your business time and money.

Safety-Kleen's APCD Compliant Solvent

We have two different types of solvent that meet the VOC requirements set forth by the APCD due to the fact that they are silicone-based not petroleum-based. These solvents are our QSOL 220 and QSOL 300. This solvent can be used in any of our standard parts washers.

Summary

Please review Rule 67.6.1 and the identified exemptions that we have attached for your convenience. A Safety-Kleen representative will be contacting you to discuss this issue, and to show you our complete line of compliant aqueous cleaning solutions for your business.

For additional information on the upcoming changes in the parts cleaning product codes, please visit <http://www.sdapcd.org/rules/rules/randr.html>.

And if you have any questions or I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 619- 401-3120.

Best Regards,

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