



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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## Advisory Notice

### Important Notice to all Owner(s)/Operator(s) of a Wood Chipper

On May 5, 2017 the SCAQMD Governing Board adopted amendments to Rule 219 – Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II. The Rule 219 amendment identifies equipment, processes, and operations that do not require a SCAQMD Permit to Operate. The language of Rule 219 (g)(2) was amended to provide further clarification that the permitting exemption for “equipment used exclusively for shredding of wood, or the extruding, handling, or storage of wood chips, saw dust, or wood shavings and control equipment used to exclusively vent such equipment” does **NOT** apply if the wood includes:

1. “wood that is painted or treated for exterior exposure, or wood that is comingled with other construction and demolition materials” or
2. “any organic waste material generated from gardening, agricultural, or landscaping activities including but not limited to, leaves, grass clippings, tree and shrub trimmings and plant remains.”

In order to maintain compliance owner(s) or operator(s) of a wood chipper used for purposes as described above in either # 1 or # 2 are required to obtain a valid SCAQMD Permit to Operate for the wood chipper separate from any stationary SCAQMD Permit to Operate for the internal combustion engine powering the wood chipper. Each wood chipper will require its own separate SCAQMD Permit to Operate.

To apply for a SCAQMD Permit to Operate please visit:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/permits/permit-application-forms> to obtain the application forms.

Portable wood chippers may be eligible for a California Air Resources Board (CARB) Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP) registration. PERP is a voluntary program that SCAQMD recognizes as a valid Permit to Operate if the owner(s) or operator(s) are in compliance with the PERP regulation. Owner(s) or operator(s) that have obtained a PERP registration for the associated internal combustion engine powering the wood chipper must also obtain a separate PERP registration for the wood chipper. Each wood chipper will require its own separate PERP registration.

To apply for a CARB PERP Registration please visit:

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/portable/perp/newforms.htm> to obtain the application forms.

If you have questions regarding this Advisory Notice please call (877) 810 – 6995.