

Assistance Programs for Businesses

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Small Business Assistance Office

- Permit Application Assistance
- Free On-Site Consultations
- Notification of Upcoming Rules/Deadlines
- Dry Cleaners Grant Program
- Variance Application Assistance
- Fee Review Committee

How to Contact Small Business Assistance

AQMD's Toll Free Hot Line

(800) CUT-SMOG

Small Business Hot Line

(909) 396-3529

or via Email

smallbizassistance@aqmd.gov

Expedited Permit Processing

- AQMD initiated the program in 1998 due to request from industry and the recommendation of the Permit Streamlining Task Force
- Allows facilities to request priority processing of their permits
 - Requires an additional 50% of the permit processing fee
 - Contingent on availability of qualified staff to work overtime
 - Request by submitting Form 400-XPP with the application forms

Rule 310.1 – Amnesty for Unpermitted Equipment & Small Business Discount for Control Equipment

- Follows format of two previously adopted amnesty programs (1995 and 2010)
- Recognize current economic climate
- Encourage compliance with AQMD regulations
- Create “Level Playing Field”
- Incentivize installation of control equipment for small businesses

What is the Amnesty Program?

- For owners/operators voluntarily filing complete permit applications between July 1 and December 31, 2011
 - EO will not seek civil or criminal penalties
 - Waiver of late filing fees for:
 - 50% surcharge
 - Prior year operating fees
 - Must not have received a Notice to Comply or Notice of Violation
- Applies to all businesses
 - Limited to equipment schedules A, A1 and B at Title V sources

Rule 310.1 – Small Business Discount for Control Equipment

- Additional 50% off the permit processing fee for:
 - Small businesses installing air pollution control equipment, or
 - Small businesses processing exclusively super compliant coatings with a VOC content of less than 25 grams/liter of material that would require a new permit or a permit modification