

Notice of Decision

Project Title:	Amendments to the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Chromium Plating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations (SCH# 2022010069)
Project Location:	Statewide
Public Meeting Date:	May 25, 2023
Project Description:	The Amendments, presented to the Board on May 25, 2023, will phase out the use of hexavalent chromium for chrome plating processes at all chrome plating facilities in California to further protect public health and air quality in communities located near chrome plating facilities. The Amendments will also require CARB to conduct two technology reviews, the first by January 1, 2032, and the second by January 1, 2036, that evaluate the development of technologies to replace hexavalent chromium in hard chrome plating and chromic acid anodizing operations. The proposed modifications provide greater clarity and enforceability to the Proposed Amendments and ensure that the Proposed Amendments are consistent with the Board's direction and the intent of the original rulemaking proposal as stated in the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) released on November 29, 2022, to phase out hexavalent chromium emissions from chrome plating.

This notice is to advise that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board), as the lead agency, approved the above regulatory action on May 25, 2023.

CARB prepared and certified an environmental analysis (EA) that included potential mitigation measures, in accordance with the requirements of its certified regulatory program under CEQA on May 25, 2023. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15251, subd. (d)). CARB also adopted CEQA findings and a statement of overriding considerations at that time. CARB has determined that the subsequent modifications to the regulatory action described above are covered by the prior EA prepared for the regulatory action which was certified by the Board on May 25, 2023. The current modifications do not involve any changes that result in new or substantially increased significant adverse impacts and there are no changes in circumstances or new information that would otherwise warrant any subsequent environmental review. An explanation of CARB's decision not to prepare a subsequent or supplemental EA for the modifications is included in Attachment 1 to Executive Order R-23-005.

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The Executive Order (including Attachment 1), the EA as well as the Staff Report, and all other record documents are available for public inspection on the CARB rulemaking webpage at: [Chrome Plating ATCM / California Air Resources Board](#).

These documents may also be examined at:

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