Important Information for Chromium Plating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Facilities

On October 24, 2007, a revised State Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Chromium Plating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Facilities became effective. The San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District has begun the process to amend its Rule 7011 to incorporate these new State of California requirements and anticipates that the amendments will be adopted in January 2008, but until then, the District will be enforcing the requirements of the State ATCM.

You should be aware of several new requirements of the ATCM that are being implemented. These include the following:

1. By November 24, 2007, all chromium plating and chromic acid anodizing facilities will have to submit to the District a measurement of the distance between their facility and the nearest receptor. The attached fact sheets explain how this measurement must be made.

2. By April 24, 2008, all facilities must comply with the following requirements:
   a. Use one of the approved chemicals in the attached list and maintain the surface tensions indicated in the attached table if a chemical fume suppressant is used to comply.
   b. Implement the housekeeping requirements in the attached fact sheet.
   c. Submit an Initial Compliance Status Report. The Report must include the information in the attached fact sheet.

3. Any users of the trivalent chromium process must submit information on the facility, the wetting agent, and the contents of the bath by November 24, 2007.

For additional information on the District's rule development process, the requirements described above, or additional provisions in the ATCM, please contact Mr. Glenn Reed at (559) 230-5923.