



*This Advisory is provided to inform you about activities of the Air District which may affect your operation. It is intended to assist you in your effort to achieve and maintain compliance with applicable air pollution regulations.*

**ATTENTION: GRAPHIC ARTS PRINTING AND COATING FACILITIES**

**SUBJECT: REGISTRATION AND PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS**

Regulation 8, Rule 20: Graphic Arts Printing and Coating Operations was amended on November 19, 2008. This rule regulates traditional printing, such as letterpress, lithographic, flexographic, gravure, screen printing AND now regulates commercial digital printing operations as a type of graphic arts operation.

**Registration and Permitting**

Regulation 2, Rule 1, pertaining to permits has also been amended for graphic arts operations. Effective July 1, 2009, any owner or operator of a graphics arts operation must comply with the following requirements:

Monthly VOC emissions in pounds (lbs)	Required Action
Less than 75 lbs per month	No Registration or Permitting required; must maintain records according to Section 8-20-503
75 lbs per month or more but less than 400 lbs per month	Facility Registration required*
400 lbs per month and greater	Facility Authority to Construct/Permit to Operate required

\* The owner/operator may choose to obtain a Authority to Construct/Permit to Operate in lieu of registering.

- Registration will be handled online at [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov).
- A tool to estimate the emissions from your facility will be available online also.
- Your facility cannot have a mixture of permitted and registered equipment.

**Authority to Construct/Permits to Operate**

Information on obtaining a Authority to Construct/Permit to Operate can be found at: [www.baaqmd.gov/pmt/index.htm](http://www.baaqmd.gov/pmt/index.htm).

For more information regarding the specifics of the Regulation 8, Rule 20: Graphics Arts Printing and Coating Operations, please go to [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov) for more information.

If you have any further needs, please call the District at the following numbers.

- ☎ For questions about this advisory contact Eric Pop, Air Quality Specialist, at [epop@baaqmd.gov](mailto:epop@baaqmd.gov) or (415) 749-5172.
- ☎ For a copy of the above listed rule, see [www.baaqmd.gov/dst/regulations/rq0820.pdf](http://www.baaqmd.gov/dst/regulations/rq0820.pdf).
- ☎ For compliance assistance, call (415) 749-4999, the Compliance Counselor Hotline.

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