



Dear Metal Finishing Industry Partner,

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has been working on amending Rule 1469 that specifically addresses emissions from Metal Finishing Operations involving Hexavalent Chromium. The emissions that the SCAQMD are targeting include but are not limited to Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing. If this rule is amended it could be enacted and enforced in 2018. This proposed amended rule will have a devastating affect on the entire Plating Industry in California. This rule change comes with costly requirements for testing and containment. In addition, regulatory enforcement will add significant costs to metal fabrication and metal finishing companies, including costly fines. The SCAQMD is currently working with chrome but are also proposing an amendment to Rule 1426. If Rule 1426 is amended it will include chromium, nickel, cadmium, lead, and copper, as well as process tanks and spraying operations containing sulfuric acid, nitric acid, hydrochloric acid, chromic acid and sodium hydroxide.

The Metal Finishers Association has spent well over \$500,000 in the last year to fight these proposed regulations. While we have prevailed on the issues of ambient air monitoring for each company and have proven that the SCAQMD is using outdated science, there is much more to do. The funding for legal staff, science staff and public relations was augmented by the Industry Environmental Fund (IEF). Although this has been helpful we anticipate spending close to the same amount in 2018 and we do not have the reserves to continue this fight much longer.

You have been identified as one of the **500** companies operating under NAICS 332813 or benefiting from our efforts. For that reason, we are asking that you please consider contributing to the IEF Fund. If you are a member of the MFA we thank you for your continued support. We know that many of our members are already aware of the ongoing struggle. We are not asking you to join our association, rather we are soliciting your immediate donation of \$1000 or more to replenish our IEF for the next year. We need everyone's help, members and non-members.

Your contribution is deductible under 501C3 rules. Please consider providing a tax-deductible donation today. We are available at any time to answer your questions.

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