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This document provides departmental policy for determining when to approve exemption requests referenced in Section B.2. of Rule 339. This exemption allows a vehicle or piece of mobile equipment to be coated outside of a spray booth when its shape or size is such that it cannot reasonably be contained in the booth. Coating by hand application methods (e.g. brush or roller) does not require written notification and is not required to be performed in a spray booth. A separate petition is required for each piece of equipment to be coated.

Upon receipt of a written petition which contains the information required in 339.B.2.a., the petition will be approved if the following conditions are met: (1) the equipment to be coated is documented as being too large to reasonably be contained within the permitted spray booth, and (2) the coating activities are proposed to be conducted at a "remote location", or in such a manner so as to minimize to the maximum extent feasible the potential to create a public nuisance, and (3) the coating activities will comply with all other applicable provisions of Rule 339. "Remote location" is defined as a location which has no structures or equipment not belonging to the petitioner within 1000 feet.

If the petitioner does not own or operate a spray booth, they may still qualify for exemption if they can demonstrate that the equipment is of a physical size such that it could not reasonably be contained within <u>any</u> commercially available spray booth in Santa Barbara County. In such a case, the equipment may be coated outside provided the coating activities comply with items 2 and 3 above. Also, any equipment which is not licensed for the roadway, thereby requiring auxiliary equipment to transport it to a booth, may be coated in accordance with items 2 and 3 above.

Upon receipt of a written petition, the petition shall be routed to the Enforcement Supervisor (North or South County, as appropriate) who shall make a preliminary determination, in most cases within five (5) working days after receipt at the District office. The petitioner shall be contacted by the Enforcement Supervisor by telephone to inform them of the District's decision or if more information is required. This contact shall be documented in a letter sent to the applicant. If more information is needed in order to make a decision, the applicant must submit information in time to give the District at least five (5) more working days to review the submittal. If the District has not provided the petitioner an official response to their exemption request within 14 days of the proposed coating of the equipment, the exemption request will be deemed approved.