



**State of New Mexico Exemption Requirements
for Painting and Coating Operations**
(20.2.72.202.B.6.c NMAC)
(For facilities located outside of Bernalillo County)

In order to meet the exemption requirements for painting and coating, you must conduct record keeping for both your hourly and annual paint/solvent use. If your operation cannot meet the Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) emissions limitations listed below, you must contact the air quality bureau for further information.

VOCs are chemicals found in products that are often used in paint shops such as: Primers, sealers, clear coats, pre-cleaners, basecoats, etc. You can find out the VOC content of each product from either the manufacturer's specification sheets (spec sheets) or from the Material Data Safety Sheet (MSDS) provided by the distributor or manufacturer.

Exemption requirements in New Mexico:

- 1. The total VOC emissions of all coating and clean-up solvent use must not exceed 10 pounds per hour.**
- 2. The total VOC emissions of all coating and clean-up solvent use must be less than 2 tons per year.**
- 3. Sufficient record keeping must be maintained to verify that these requirements are met.**
- 4. The owner or operator must file an [Air Quality Notice of Exemption form](#).** You must fill out and submit the form to the Air Quality Bureau. These forms are available on the Small Business Industry Sector Information webpage or may be requested by calling the numbers below.

Do you still have questions?

If so, you can contact the New Mexico Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) for more information and guidance about this exemption. SBEAP is not an enforcement program; we are here to help you through the air quality process.

(505) 222-9507 or 222-9583

For Air Quality Permit Information in Bernalillo County, call the Albuquerque Air Quality Division at (505) 768-1972.

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