

CLEAN Air Clips



Illinois Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

The Illinois Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (IL SBEAP) is a federally mandated program to assist small companies in understanding their environmental requirements and achieving compliance. The program is located in the non-regulatory, business assistance agency, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to alleviate small business' fears in seeking assistance. Questions? Call 800-252-3998. Illinois Small Business Environmental Assistance Newsletter



Illinois Updates

Pollution Control Board Adopts Amendments Impacting Autobody Shops

On January 24, 2013, the Pollution Control Board adopted final amendments to its regulations to allow autobody shops located in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will, Grundy (townships of Aux Sable and Goose Lake only), Kendall (Oswego township only), Madison, Monroe, St. Clair, and Jersey Counties additional flexibility in the type of paint guns they can use in their shops. Previously these shops were limited to HVLP and electrostatic paints guns only. Autobody shops can now use paint guns that have been approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) as being equal to or better than a standard HVLP gun. This change helps to keep the Illinois rules more consistent with federal requirements for autobody paint shops. Also effective January 28th, 2013, motor vehicle refinishing shops no longer have to register with the Illinois EPA under Sections 218/219 Subpart HH. However, the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations at Area Sources (Title 40, Part 63, Subpart HHHHHH) still requires that all auto body shops file an initial notification as well as other applicable notices with the Illinois EPA.

If you have any questions about this rule or would like more information on the Illinois or federal requirements for autobody shops please contact the Illinois Small Business Environmental Assistance Program at 800-252-3998 or by email at DCEO.SBEAP@illinois.gov