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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

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Re: New Federal Rules for Metal Plating and Polishing Operations

Dear Business Owner:

On July 1, 2008 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the final rule for 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 63, Subpart WWWW National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP): Area Source Standards for Plating and Polishing Operations. This rule is in addition to other TCEQ rules you must follow. The full text of this rule can be found online at: <http://epa.gov/ttn/atw/area/fr01jy08.pdf>.

Important Dates:

	Began Construction	Compliance Date	Initial Notification Due	Notification of Compliance Status Due
New sources	On or after March 14, 2008	Upon startup of operations	120 days from startup	Upon startup of operations
New, affected sources	Between March 14, 2008 and July 1, 2008	July 1, 2008	October 29, 2008	July 1, 2008
Existing sources	Before March 14, 2008	July 1, 2010	October 29, 2008	July 1, 2010

The EPA has developed tools to assist you in complying with this rule, including electronic versions of the Initial Notification and Certification of Compliance Status forms. The TCEQ's Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section (SBLGA) has links to these and other compliance tools on our Web site at <http://www.sblga.info>. Click on the link titled "NESHAP Assistance Tools".

If you need help understanding these rules, or how to comply with them, call the SBLGA's compliance hotline at 1-800-447-2827.

Sincerely,

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