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**New Federal Rules Affecting
Paint Stripping, Autobody Refinishing and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations at Area / Small Sources**

Dear Owner or Operator,

On January 9, 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published rules to reduce air toxics including methylene chloride and other hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) *from surface coating operations at area/small sources*.

The Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) is trying to reach those facilities that are affected by this Rule. SBEAP is a government assistance Program without enforcement authority that provides free and confidential assistance to small businesses.

As an Autobody Refinishing Shop, this Rule may include you.

The most significant rule requirements include:

- All painters must complete and receive certification from a training course on proper application of hand-held spray surface coatings and the proper set up and maintenance of spray equipment.
- Spray painting must be conducted in a booth
- Painters must use HVLP spray guns or equivalents
- Specific spray gun cleaning requirements

Rule compliance dates are:

- New Operations [started after September 17, 2007] (New)
 - Must be in compliance with the new rules upon start-up
 - Must submit a Notice of Compliance by March 11, 2011

-IMPORTANT-

You must complete and submit an Initial Notice by January 11, 2010.

A sample Notification is included in the packet

Free Compliance Assistance Workshops are scheduled in four locations during the week of December 8-11, 2009.

The workshops will explain the Rule; assist completion of the required Notifications and provide Best Management Practices to reduce pollution and assist environmental compliance for Autobody Shops. The workshops are provided through a partnership of the Tennessee Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); your State and Local Air Pollution Control Agencies and the Tennessee Board of Regents' Technology Centers (TTC).

Registration and Agenda information is included in the packet..

Please contact Sharon Goodwin-Walker with the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) to assist you in meeting these new requirements at 1-800-734-3619. The SBEAP assistance is free and confidential. Additional information can be found at the SBEAP's Surface Coating and Paint Stripping webpage: http://www.tn.gov/environment/ea/sbeap/sbeap_paintstr.shtml

Sincerely,

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