Exemptions

Exempted Surface Coating or Paint Stripping Activities:

- Operations performed onsite at Armed Forces installations
- Military munitions or equipment used for transporting munitions
- Surface coating or paint stripping performed by individuals on their personal vehicles, property or possessions either as a hobby or for maintenance of their personal vehicles, possessions, or property provided they coat no more than two vehicles a year.
- Rule defined research and laboratory
- Rule defined quality control
- Activities covered under another area source Rule

Spray-Applied Applications Exemptions

- Hand-held device with a cup capacity no more than 3.0 fluid ounces (89 cc)
- Powder coating
- Hand-held, non-refillable aerosol containers
- Thermal spray operations using solid metallic or non-metallic materials
- Non-atomizing technology
 - brushes, rollers, hand wiping
 - coating techniques flow, dip, electrodeposition, web, coil
 - touch up markers or marking pens
- HVLP spray guns used for certain coatings on aerospace vehicle components

Types of Coatings Exemptions:

- Decorative, protective, or functional materials that consist only of protective oils for metal, acids, bases, or any combination
- Paper film or plastic film that may be pre-coated with adhesive
- Adhesives, sealants, maskants, or caulking materials
- Temporary protective coatings, lubricants, or surface preparation materials
- In-mold coatings that are spray-applied in the manufacture of reinforced plastic composite parts
- Coatings that meet the rule definitions of Facility maintenance or Space vehicle

Training Program Exemptions:

- Students of accredited surface coating training programs
- Students under the direct supervision of an instructor who is certified