

## **WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?**

What does a collision repair shop or autobody shop owner need to do if they operate or plan to operate a paint spray booth after October 31, 2011?

In the past, a Certificate of Approval (CofA) issued by the Ontario Ministry of Environment was mandatory and required by all shops. After October 31, 2011, all shops, if they do not have a current CofA for their spraypainting activities (including using waterborne paints) must meet environmental compliance legislation by registering their activities to the new environmental Registry if the shop qualifies. No Certificate of Approval can be issued after Oct 31, 2011 if the shop meets the Registry eligibility requirements.

If your shop already possesses a valid Certificate of Approval (which must include waterbased paint activity), you need do nothing at this time.

If you have an older Certificate of Approval for only solvent based paints and need a waterbased paint product approval, or a making a change to your spraypainting activities that would normally require an amendment to your Certificate of Approval, then you MAY want to use the new Registry. You should call us for your options, as you may not be eligible.

In you have NO Certificate of Approval or no approval to use waterbased paint product and want to be legally able to spray paint, then simply call us at 1-866-309-4272 and we can help you register and be compliant with the operating requirements as set out in Ontario Regulation 245/11. Most Ontario shops would fall into this category.

If you do not meet the eligibility requirements, then a simplified Certificate of Approval or an amended Certificate of Approval application would be the next step, and your association has handled hundreds of these applications since they were introduced in April 2009. So again, please call us for help at 1-866-309-4272.