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9 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
10 **COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

11 **ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER,**  
12 **a California non-profit corporation**

13 **Plaintiff,**

14 **vs.**

15 **USP LABS, LLC and DOES 1-100**

16 **Defendants.**

**CASE NO. RG13684589**

**FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR  
INJUNCTIVE  
AND DECLARATORY RELIEF AND  
CIVIL PENALTIES**

[Miscellaneous Civil Complaint (42)]  
Proposition 65, Health & Safety Code  
Section 25249.5 et seq.]

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18 Plaintiff Environmental Research Center hereby alleges:

19 **I**

20 **INTRODUCTION**

21 1. Plaintiff Environmental Research Center (hereinafter "Plaintiff" or "ERC") brings this  
22 action as a private attorney general enforcer and in the public interest pursuant to Health & Safety  
23 Code section 25249.7, subdivision (d). This complaint seeks injunctive and declaratory relief and  
24 civil penalties to remedy Defendant USP Labs, LLC and Does 1-100 (hereinafter "USP Labs")  
25 failure to warn consumers that they have been exposed to lead and arsenic from several of USP  
26 Labs' nutritional health products. Lead and arsenic are chemicals known to the State of California  
27 to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. Based on the Safe Drinking Water and  
28 Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code section 25249.5 *et seq.*) also known as

1 "Proposition 65," businesses with ten or more employees must provide a "clear and reasonable  
2 warning" prior to exposing persons to these chemicals.

3 **II**

4 **PARTIES**

5 2. Plaintiff ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes,  
6 helping safeguard the public from health hazards by reducing the use and misuse of hazardous and  
7 toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees and encouraging  
8 corporate responsibility.

9 3. Defendant USP Labs is a business that manufactures, distributes and/or sells nutritional  
10 health products that have exposed users to lead and arsenic in the State of California within the  
11 relevant statute of limitations period (referred to hereinafter as "Covered Products"). The Covered  
12 Products that have exposed users to lead are USP Labs PowerFULL, USP Labs Recreate Clinical  
13 Strength Fat Loss - Trial Pack, USP Labs PRIME The Ultimate Muscle Pill, USP Labs - Super  
14 Cissus RX, USP Labs LLC Pink Magic 180 Capsules, USP Labs LLC OxyElite Protein Powder  
15 Milk Chocolate, and USPlabs LLC OxyElite Protein Powder Vanilla Ice Cream. The Covered  
16 Product that has exposed users to arsenic is USP Labs PRIME The Ultimate Muscle Pill. USP Labs  
17 is a company subject to Proposition 65 as it employs ten or more persons.

18 4. Defendants Does 1-100, are named herein under fictitious names, as their true names and  
19 capacities are unknown to ERC. ERC is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each of  
20 said Does is responsible, in some actionable manner, for the events and happenings hereinafter  
21 referred to, either through said Defendant's conduct, or through the conduct of its agents, servants or  
22 employees, or in some other manner, causing the harms alleged by ERC in this complaint. When  
23 said true names and capacities of Does are ascertained, ERC will seek leave to amend this complaint  
24 to set forth the same.

25 **III**

26 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

27 5. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to California Constitution Article VI, Section 10  
28 because this case is a cause not given by statute to other trial courts.

1 6. The Complaint is based on allegations contained in Notices of Violation dated  
2 September 4, 2010, October 8, 2010, November 23, 2010, January 14, 2011, and January 10,  
3 2014 served on the California Attorney General, other public enforcers and USP Labs. True and  
4 correct copies of these Notices of Violation are attached as Exhibit A. More than 60 days have  
5 passed since the Notices of Violation were mailed and no public enforcement entity has filed a  
6 complaint in this case.

7 7. This Court is the proper venue for the action because the causes of action have arisen in  
8 the County of Alameda where some of the violations of law have occurred. Furthermore, this Court  
9 is the proper venue under Code of Civil Procedure section 395.5 and Health & Safety Code section  
10 25249.7.

#### 11 IV

### 12 STATUTORY BACKGROUND

#### 13 A. Proposition 65

14 8. The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 is an initiative statute  
15 passed as "Proposition 65" by an overwhelming majority vote of the people in November of 1986.

16 9. The warning requirement of Proposition 65 is contained in Health & Safety Code section  
17 25249.6, which provides:

18 No person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose  
19 any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive  
20 toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individual, except  
as provided in Section 25249.10.

21 10. Implementing regulations for Proposition 65 define expose as "to cause to ingest,  
22 inhale, contact via body surfaces or otherwise come into contact with a listed chemical." An  
23 individual may come into contact with a listed chemical through water, air, food, consumer products  
24 and any other environmental exposure as well as occupational exposures." (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27,  
25 § 25102, subd. (i).)

26 11. In this case, the exposures at issue are caused by consumer products. Implementing  
27 regulations for Proposition 65 define a consumer product exposure as "an exposure which results  
28 from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of

1 a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service.” (Cal. Code  
2 Regs., tit. 27, § 25602, subd. (b).)

3 12. Whenever a clear and reasonable warning is required under Health & Safety Code  
4 section 25249.6, the “method employed to transmit the warning must be reasonably calculated  
5 considering the alternative methods available under the circumstances, to make the warning  
6 message available prior to exposure.” (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27, § 25601.) The warning requirement  
7 may be satisfied by a warning that appears on a product’s label or other labeling, shelf labeling,  
8 signs, a system of signs, public advertising identifying the system and toll-free information services,  
9 or any other system that provides clear and reasonable warnings. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27, §  
10 25603.1, subd. (a)-(d).)

11 13. Proposition 65 establishes a procedure by which the State is to develop a list of  
12 chemicals “known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.” (Health & Safety Code,  
13 § 25249.8.) There is no duty to provide a clear and reasonable warning until 12-months after the  
14 chemical was published on the State list. (Health & Safety Code, § 25249.10, subd. (b).) Lead  
15 was listed as a chemical known to the State of California to cause developmental toxicity in the  
16 fetus and male and female reproductive toxicity on February 27, 1987. Lead was listed as a  
17 chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer on October 1, 1992. Arsenic (inorganic  
18 oxides) was listed as a chemical known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity on  
19 May 1, 1997. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27, § 27001.)

20 14. The Maximum Allowable Dose Level for lead as a chemical known to cause  
21 developmental toxicity is 0.5 micrograms per day. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27, § 25805.) The No  
22 Significant Risk Level for lead as a carcinogen is 15 micrograms per day. (Cal. Code Regs., tit.  
23 27, § 25705.)

24 15. Proposition 65 may be enforced by any person in the public interest who provides  
25 notice sixty days before filing suit to both the violator and designated law enforcement officials.  
26 The failure of law enforcement officials to file a timely complaint enables a citizen suit to be filed  
27 pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 25249.7, subdivisions (c) and (d).  
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1 16. Proposition 65 provides that any person "violating or threatening to violate" Proposition  
2 65 may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction. (Health & Safety Code, § 25249.7,  
3 subd. (a).) To "threaten to violate" means "to create a condition in which there is a substantial  
4 probability that a violation will occur." (Health & Safety Code, § 25249.11, subd. (e).)  
5 Furthermore, violators are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation.  
6 (Health & Safety Code, § 25249.7, subd. (b)(1).

7 V

8 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

9 17. USP Labs has manufactured, distributed and/or sold the Covered Products containing  
10 lead and arsenic in the State of California. Consumers have been ingesting these products for  
11 many years, without any knowledge of their exposure to lead and arsenic, both very dangerous  
12 chemicals.

13 18. For many years, USP Labs has knowingly and intentionally exposed numerous persons  
14 to lead and arsenic, without providing a Proposition 65 warning. Prior to ERC's Notice of  
15 Violation, USP Labs failed to provide a warning on the label of the Covered Products. USP Labs  
16 website does not contain any warning regarding lead or arsenic contained in the Covered Products.  
17 USP Labs has at all times relevant hereto been aware that the Covered Products contained lead and  
18 arsenic and that persons using these products have been exposed to the chemicals. USP Labs has  
19 been aware of the lead and arsenic in the Covered Products and has failed to disclose the presence  
20 of these chemicals to the public, who undoubtedly believed they have been ingesting totally healthy  
21 and pure products.

22 19. Both prior and subsequent to ERC's Notice of Violation, USP Labs failed to provide  
23 consumers of the Covered Products with a clear and reasonable warning that they have been  
24 exposed to chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other  
25 reproductive harm.

1 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **(Violation of Section 25249.6 of the Health and Safety Code, Failure to Provide Clear**  
3 **and Reasonable Warning under Proposition 65)**

4 20. ERC refers to paragraphs 1-19, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this  
5 reference.

6 21. By committing the acts alleged above, USP Labs has, in the course of doing business,  
7 knowingly and intentionally exposed users of the Covered Products to lead and arsenic, chemicals  
8 known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm without  
9 first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individuals, within the meaning of Health & Safety  
10 Code section 25249.6.

11 22. Said violations render USP Labs liable for civil penalties up to \$2,500 per day, for  
12 each violation.

13 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 **(Declaratory Relief)**

15 23. ERC refers to paragraphs 1-22, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this  
16 reference.

17 24. There exists an actual controversy relating to the legal rights and duties of the parties,  
18 within the meaning of Code of Civil Procedure section 1060, between ERC and USP Labs  
19 concerning whether USP Labs has exposed individuals to chemicals known to the State of  
20 California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm without providing clear and  
21 reasonable warning.

22 **VI**

23 **PRAYER**

24 WHEREFORE ERC prays for relief as follows:

25 1. On the First Cause of Action, for civil penalties for each and every violation according to  
26 proof;

27 2. On the First Cause of Action, and pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 25249.7,  
28 subdivision (a), for such temporary restraining orders, preliminary and permanent injunctive orders.

1 or other orders, prohibiting USP Labs from exposing persons to lead and arsenic without providing  
2 clear and reasonable warning;

3 3. On the Second Cause of Action, for a declaratory judgment pursuant to Code of Civil  
4 Procedure section 1060 declaring that USP Labs has exposed individuals to chemicals known to the  
5 State of California to cause, birth defects and other reproductive harm without providing clear and  
6 reasonable warning; and

7 4. On all Causes of Action, for reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to section 1021.5 of the  
8 Code of Civil Procedure or the substantial benefit theory;

9 5. For costs of suit herein; and

10 6. For such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

11  
12 Dated: March 24, 2014

13 By



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15 Michael Freund  
16 Attorney for Environmental Research Center

Exhibit A



## Environmental Research Center

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September 4, 2010

### VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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### VIA PRIORITY MAIL

District Attorneys of All California Counties  
and Select City Attorneys  
(See Attached Certificate of Service)

Office of the California Attorney General  
Prop 65 Enforcement Reporting  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000  
P.O. Box 70550  
Oakland, CA 94612-0550

**Re: Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 *et seq.***

Dear Addressees:

I represent the Environmental Research Center ("ERC") in connection with this Notice of Violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, which is codified at California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 *et seq.*, and also referred to as Proposition 65.

ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

The names of the companies covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter "the Violators") are:

**USP Labs, LLC**

The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemicals in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

**USP Labs PowerFULL - Lead**

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**USP Labs Recreate Clinical Strength Fat Loss - Trial Pack -Lead**  
**USP Labs PRIME The Ultimate Muscle Pill - Lead**

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead as chemical known to cause cancer.

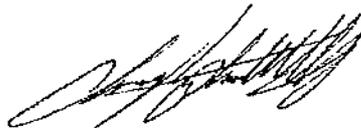
This letter is a notice to each of the Violators and the appropriate governmental authorities of the Proposition 65 violations concerning the listed products. This notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 involving the Violators currently known to ERC from the information now available. ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations. A summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, is enclosed with the copy of this letter to each of the Violators.

Each of the Violators has manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold the listed products, which have exposed and continue to expose numerous individuals within California to the identified chemicals. The primary route of exposure to these chemicals has been through ingestion, but may have also occurred through inhalation and/or dermal contact. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemicals. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. Each of the Violators violated Proposition 65 because they failed to provide an appropriate warning to persons using these products that they are being exposed to the identified chemicals.

Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, ERC intends to file a citizen enforcement action sixty days after effective service of this notice unless each of the Violators agrees in an enforceable written instrument to: (1) reformulate the listed products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals; and (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and my client's objectives in pursuing this notice, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution to this matter. Such resolution will avoid both further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals and expensive and time consuming litigation.

Please direct all questions concerning this notice to ERC's attorney, Karen A. Evans, 4218 Biona Pl., San Diego, CA 92116, telephone no.: 619-640-8100, e-mail: [kaevans1@cox.net](mailto:kaevans1@cox.net).

Sincerely,



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Chris Heptinstall  
Executive Director  
Environmental Research Center

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cc: Karen Evans

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to USP Labs only)

Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

**Re: Environmental Research Center's Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by USP Labs, LLC.**

I, Karen Evans, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the party identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.
3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the notice.
4. Based on the information obtained through those consultants, and on other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiff's case can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
5. Along with the copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General is attached additional factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

*Karen A. Evans*

Dated: September 4, 2010

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Karen A. Evans  
Attorney for Environmental Research Center

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years of age, and am not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742

On September 4, 2010, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; "THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY"**

On the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below and depositing it in a US Postal Service Office for delivery by Certified Mail:

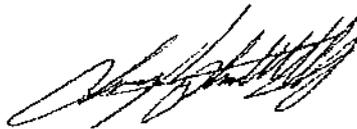
Current CEO or President  
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Office of the California Attorney General  
Prop 65 Enforcement Reporting  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000  
Post Office Box 70550  
Oakland, CA 94612-0550

On September 4, 2010, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** on each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto, and depositing it with the U.S. Postal Service for delivery by Priority Mail.

Executed on September 4, 2010, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.



Chris Heptinstall

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Sincerely,



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Chris Heptinstall  
Executive Director  
Environmental Research Center

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October 8, 2010

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cc: Karen Evans

Attachments

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OEHHA Summary (to USP Labs LLC only)

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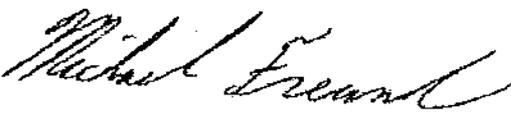
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Re: Environmental Research Center's Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by USP Labs LLC

I, Michael Freund, declare:

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Dated: October 8, 2010

  
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I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years of age, and am not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742

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ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

The name of the Company covered by this Notice that violated Proposition 65 is:

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The product that is the subject of this Notice and the chemical in that product identified as exceeding allowable levels is:

**USP Labs PRIME The Ultimate Muscle Pill -- Arsenic**

On May 1, 1997, the State of California officially listed arsenic (inorganic oxides) as a chemical known to cause reproductive toxicity.

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Please direct all questions concerning this notice to ERC's attorney, Michael Freund, address: 1915 Addison Street, Berkeley, California, 94704-1101, telephone no.: 510-540-1992, e-mail: Freund1@aol.com.

Sincerely,



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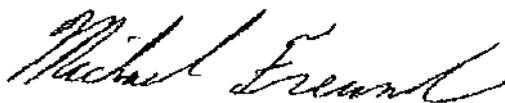
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On January 14, 2011, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** on each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties on the **Service List attached hereto**, and depositing it with the U.S. Postal Service for delivery by Priority Mail.

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January 10, 2014

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF  
CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.5 ET SEQ.  
(PROPOSITION 65)**

Dear Alleged Violator and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

I represent Environmental Research Center ("ERC"), 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. (619) 500-3090. ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall. ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

ERC has identified violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65"), which is codified at California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.*, with respect to the products identified below. These violations have occurred and continue to occur because the alleged Violator identified below failed to provide required clear and reasonable warnings with these products. This letter serves as a notice of these violations to the alleged Violator and the appropriate public enforcement agencies. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d), ERC intends to file a private enforcement action in the public interest 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify these violations.

**General Information about Proposition 65.** A copy of a summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, is enclosed with this letter served to the alleged Violator identified below.

**Alleged Violator.** The name of the company covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter the "Violator") is:

**USPLabs, LLC dba USPlabs, LLC**

**Consumer Products and Listed Chemicals.** The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemical in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

**USPlabs LLC OxyElite Protein Powder Milk Chocolate – Lead**

**USPlabs LLC OxyElite Protein Powder Vanilla Ice Cream – Lead**

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer.

It should be noted that ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations and result in subsequent notices of violations.

**Route of Exposure.** The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and recommended use of these products. Consequently, the primary route of exposure to these chemicals has been and continues to be through ingestion, but may have also occurred and may continue to occur through inhalation and/or dermal contact.

**Approximate Time Period of Violations.** Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least January 10, 2011, as well as every day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until these known toxic chemicals are either removed from or reduced to allowable levels in the products. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemicals. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide persons handling and/or using these products with appropriate warnings that they are being exposed to these chemicals.

Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and a desire to have these ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that includes an enforceable written agreement by the Violator to: (1) reformulate the identified products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of these products; and (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals, as well as an expensive and time consuming litigation.

ERC has retained me as legal counsel in connection with this matter. **Please direct all communications regarding this Notice of Violation to my attention at the law office address and telephone number indicated on the letterhead.**

Sincerely,



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Michael Freund

Attachments

- Certificate of Merit
- Certificate of Service
- OEHHA Summary (to USPLabs, LLC dba USPLabs, LLC and its Registered Agent for Service of process only)
- Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

**Re: Environmental Research Center's Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by USPLabs, LLC  
dba USPLabs, LLC**

I, Michael Freund, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached 60-day notice in which it is alleged that the party identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.
3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemicals that are the subject of the notice.
4. Based on the information obtained through those consultants, and on other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiff's case can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged Violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
5. Along with the copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General is attached additional factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: January 10, 2014



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Michael Freund

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years of age, and am not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. The envelope or package was placed in the mail at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

On January 10, 2014, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; "THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY"** on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below and depositing it at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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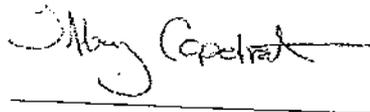
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On January 10, 2014, I electronically served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(d)(1)** on the following party by uploading a true and correct copy thereof on the California Attorney General's website, which can be accessed at <https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice> :

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