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	14 15 16	NUTREX RESEARCH, INC. and D Inclusive, Defendants.	OES 1-25,		Code §25249.5, <i>et seq.</i>				
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	20	INTRODUCTION							
	21	1. This action seeks to remedy the continuing failure of Defendants NUTREX							
	22	RESEARCH, INC. and DOES 1-25 (collectively referred to as "NUTREX") to warn							
	23	consumers in California that they are being exposed to lead, a substance known to the State of							
	24	California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm. NUTREX							
	25	manufactures, packages, distributes,	markets, and	d/or sells in Califor	nia the following produc	ts			
	26	containing lead (collectively, the "PRODUCTS"):							
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d) Nutrex Research Inc. Muscle Infusion Vanilla 2. Lead (hereinafter, the "LISTED CHEMICAL") is a substance known to the State¹ of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm. 3. The use and/or handling of the PRODUCTS causes exposures to the LISTED CHEMICAL at levels requiring a "clear and reasonable warning" under California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Health & Safety Code ("H&S Code") §25249.5, et seq. (also known as "Proposition 65"). NUTREX has failed to provide the health hazard warnings required by Proposition 65. 4. NUTREX's past sales and continued manufacturing, packaging, distributing,

marketing and/or sales of the PRODUCTS without the required health hazard warnings, cause individuals to be involuntarily and unwittingly exposed to levels of the LISTED CHEMICAL that violate Proposition 65.

5. PLAINTIFF seeks injunctive relief enjoining NUTREX from the continued manufacturing, packaging, distributing, marketing and/or sales of the PRODUCTS in California without provision of clear and reasonable warnings regarding the risks of cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm posed by exposure to the LISTED CHEMICAL through the use and/or handling of the PRODUCTS. PLAINTIFF seeks an injunctive order compelling NUTREX to bring its business practices into compliance with Proposition 65 by providing a clear and reasonable warning to each individual who has been and who in the future may be exposed to the LISTED CHEMICAL from the use of the PRODUCTS. PLAINTIFF also seeks an order compelling NUTREX to identify and locate each individual

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- a) Nutrex Research Inc. Muscle Infusion Chocolate Banana Crunch
- b) Nutrex Research Inc. Muscle Infusion Chocolate
- c) Nutrex Research Inc. Muscle Infusion Chocolate Peanut Butter Crunch

¹ All statutory and regulatory references herein are to California law, unless otherwise specified.

person who in the past has purchased the PRODUCTS, and to provide to each such purchaser a
clear and reasonable warning that the use of the PRODUCTS will cause exposures to the
LISTED CHEMICAL.

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6. In addition to injunctive relief, PLAINTIFF seeks an assessment of civil penalties up to the maximum civil penalty of \$2,500 per day per exposure authorized by Proposition 65 to remedy NUTREX's failure to provide clear and reasonable warnings regarding exposures to the LISTED CHEMICAL.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to California Constitution Article VI, Section 10, which grants the Superior Court "original jurisdiction in all causes except those given by statute to other trial courts." The statute under which this action is brought does not specify any other basis for jurisdiction.

8. This Court has jurisdiction over NUTREX because, based on information and belief, NUTREX is a business having sufficient minimum contacts with California, or otherwise intentionally availing itself of the California market through the distribution and sale of the PRODUCTS in the State of California to render the exercise of jurisdiction over it by the California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

9. Venue in this action is proper in the Alameda Superior Court because NUTREX has violated California law in the County of Alameda.

PARTIES

10. PLAINTIFF is a non-profit corporation organized under California's
 Corporation Law. ERC is dedicated to, among other causes, reducing the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic substances, consumer protection, worker safety, and corporate responsibility.

ERC is a person within the meaning of H&S Code §25118 and brings this
enforcement action in the public interest pursuant to H&S Code §25249.7(d).

12. Defendant NUTREX RESEARCH, INC. is a business of unknown form, which ERC alleges on information and belief is a person within the meaning of H&S Code §25249.11(a).

13. NUTREX RESEARCH, INC. has manufactured, packaged, distributed, marketed, sold, and /or has otherwise been involved in the chain of commerce, and continues to manufacture, package, distribute, market, sell and/or otherwise be involved in the chain of commerce of the PRODUCTS for sale or use in California. Plaintiff alleges on information and belief that Defendant employs ten or more persons, and is a "person in the course of doing business" within the meaning of Proposition 65.

14. Defendants DOES 1-25 are named herein under fictitious names, as their true names and capacities are unknown to Plaintiff. ERC is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each of said DOES has manufactured, packaged, distributed, marketed, sold and/or has otherwise been involved in the chain of commerce of, and continues to manufacture, package, distribute, market, sell, and/or otherwise be involved in the chain of commerce of the PRODUCTS for sale or use in California, and/or is responsible, in some actionable manner, for the events and happenings referred to herein, either through its conduct or through the conduct of its agents, servants or employees, or in some other manner, causing the harms alleged herein. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend this Complaint to set forth the true names and capacities of DOES when ascertained.

15. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each Defendant is in some manner responsible for the events set forth in this Complaint and proximately caused the injuries and damages to Plaintiff as alleged in this Complaint.

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

16. The People of the State of California have declared in Proposition 65 their right
"[t]o be informed about exposures to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects, or other
reproductive harm." (Section 1(b) of Initiative Measure, Proposition 65).

1 17. To effect this goal, Proposition 65 requires that individuals be provided with a "clear and reasonable warning" before being exposed to substances listed by the State of 2 3 California as causing cancer or reproductive toxicity. H&S Code §25249.6 states, in pertinent part: 4 No person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally 5 expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such 6 individual.... 7 18. "Knowingly' refers only to knowledge of the fact that a discharge of, release of, 8 or exposure to a chemical listed pursuant to Section 25249.8(a) of the Act is occurring. No 9 knowledge that the discharge, release or exposure is unlawful is required." (27 California Code 10 of Regulations ("CCR") § 25102(n).) Proposition 65 provides that any person "violating or threatening to violate" the 11 19 12 statute may be enjoined in a court of competent jurisdiction. (H&S Code §25249.7). The phrase 13 "threatening to violate" is defined to mean creating "a condition in which there is a substantial 14 likelihood that a violation will occur." (H&S Code §25249.11(e)). Violators are liable for civil 15 penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation of the Act. (H&S Code \$25249.7.) 16 FACTUAL BACKGROUND 17 20. On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed the chemical lead 18 as a chemical known to cause reproductive toxicity. Lead became subject to the warning 19 requirement one year later and was therefore subject to the "clear and reasonable" warning 20 requirements of Proposition 65 beginning on February 27, 1988. (27 CCR § 25000, et seq.; 21 H&S Code §25249.5, et seq.). Due to the high toxicity of lead, the maximum allowable dose 22 level for lead is 0.5 ug/day (micrograms a day) for reproductive toxicity. (27 CCR 23 § 25805(b).) 24 21. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed the chemicals lead 25 and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer. Lead and lead compounds became 26 subject to the warning requirement one year later and were therefore subject to the "clear and COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND CIVIL PENALTIES

reasonable" warning requirements of Proposition 65 beginning on October 1, 1993 (27 CCR §
 25000, *et seq.*; H&S Code §25249.6 *et seq.*). Due to the carcinogenicity of lead, the no
 significant risk level for lead is 15 ug/day (micrograms a day). (27 CCR § 25705(b)(1).)

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22. On June 15, 2015 and November 5, 2015, PLAINTIFF sent separate 60-Day Notices of Proposition 65 ("Notices") violations to the requisite public enforcement agencies, and to NUTREX. The Notices were issued pursuant to, and in compliance with, the requirements of H&S Code §25249.7(d) and the statute's implementing regulations regarding the notice of the violations to be given to certain public enforcement agencies and to the violators. A true and correct copy of the June 15, 2015 60-Day Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, a true and correct copy of the November 5, 2015 60-Day Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, and each is incorporated herein by reference. Each Notice was issued as follows:

> a. NUTREX and the California Attorney General were provided copies of the Notices of Violations, along with a Certificate of Merit by the attorney for the noticing party stating that there is a reasonable and meritorious cause for this action. The requisite county district attorneys and city attorneys were provided copies of the Notices of Violations and Certificates of Merit.

> b. NUTREX was provided, with the Notices of Violations, a copy of a document entitled "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary," which is also known as Appendix A to Title 27 of CCR § 25903.

 c. The California Attorney General was provided, with the Notices of Violations, additional factual information sufficient to establish a basis for the Certificates of Merit, including the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons, pursuant to H&S Code §§25249.7(d)(1) and 25249.7(h)(2). 23. At least 60-days have elapsed since PLAINTIFF sent the Notices to NUTREX. The appropriate public enforcement agencies have failed to commence and diligently prosecute a cause of action under H&S Code §25249.5, *et seq.* against NUTREX based on the allegations herein.

24. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based on such information and belief, alleges the PRODUCTS have been marketed, distributed, and/or sold to individuals in California allegedly been sold by NUTREX for use in California without the requisite clear and reasonable warnings before, on, and after June 15, 2012. The PRODUCTS continue to be distributed and sold in California without the requisite warning information.

25. As a proximate result of acts by NUTREX, as a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of H&S Code §25249.11(b), individuals throughout the State of California, including in the County of Alameda, have been exposed to lead without clear and reasonable warnings. The individuals subject to exposures to lead include normal and foreseeable users of the PRODUCTS, as well as all other persons exposed to the PRODUCTS.

26. At all times relevant to this action, NUTREX has knowingly and intentionally exposed the users and/or handlers of the PRODUCTS to lead without first giving clear and reasonable warnings to such individuals.

27. Individuals using or handling the PRODUCTS are exposed to lead in excess of the "maximum allowable daily" and "no significant risk" levels determined by the State of California, as applicable.

22 28. At all times relevant to this action, each Defendant has, in the course of doing
23 business, failed to provide individuals using and/or handling the PRODUCTS with a clear and
24 reasonable warning that the PRODUCTS exposure individuals to lead.

25 29. The PRODUCTS continue to be marketed, distributed, and/or sold in California
26 without the requisite clear and reasonable warnings.

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Injunctive Relief for Violations of Health and Safety Code § 25249.5, et seq. concerning the PRODUCTS described in the June 15, 2015, Prop. 65 Notice) **Against NUTREX**

30. PLAINTIFF re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every preceding allegation and paragraph as though fully set forth in this cause of action.

31. By committing the acts alleged in this Complaint, NUTREX, at all times relevant to this action, and continuing through the present, has violated H&S Code §25249.6 by, in the course of doing business, knowingly and intentionally exposing individuals who use or handle the PRODUCTS set forth in the Notice to the LISTED CHEMICAL, without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individuals pursuant to H&S Code §§ 25249.6 and 25249.11(f).

32 By the above-described acts, NUTREX has violated H&S Code § 25249.6 and is therefore subject to an injunction ordering NUTREX to stop violating Proposition 65, to provide warnings to all present and future customers, and to provide warnings to NUTREX's past customers who purchased or used the PRODUCTS without receiving a clear and reasonable warning.

An action for injunctive relief under Proposition 65 is specifically authorized by 33. Health & Safety Code §25249.7(a).

34. Continuing commission by NUTREX of the acts alleged above will irreparably harm the citizens of the State of California, for which harm they have no plain, speedy, or adequate remedy at law.

35. Wherefore, PLAINTIFF prays for judgment against NUTREX, as set forth 24 hereafter.

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SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Civil Penalties for Violations of Health and Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.* concerning the PRODUCTS described in PLAINTIFF's NOTICE) Against NUTREX

36. PLAINTIFF re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every preceding allegation and paragraph as though fully set forth in this cause of action.

37. By committing the acts alleged in this Complaint, NUTREX at all times relevant to this action, and continuing through the present, has violated H&S Code §25249.6 by, in the course of doing business, knowingly and intentionally exposing individuals who use or handle the PRODUCTS set forth in the Notice to the LISTED CHEMICAL, without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individuals pursuant to H&S Code §§ 25249.6 and 25249.11(f).

38. By the above-described acts, NUTREX is liable, pursuant to H&S Code
§25249.7(b), for a civil penalty of \$2,500 per day per violation for each unlawful exposure to
the LISTED CHEMICAL from the PRODUCTS.

39. Wherefore, PLAINTIFF prays for judgment against NUTREX, as set forth hereafter.

THE NEED FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

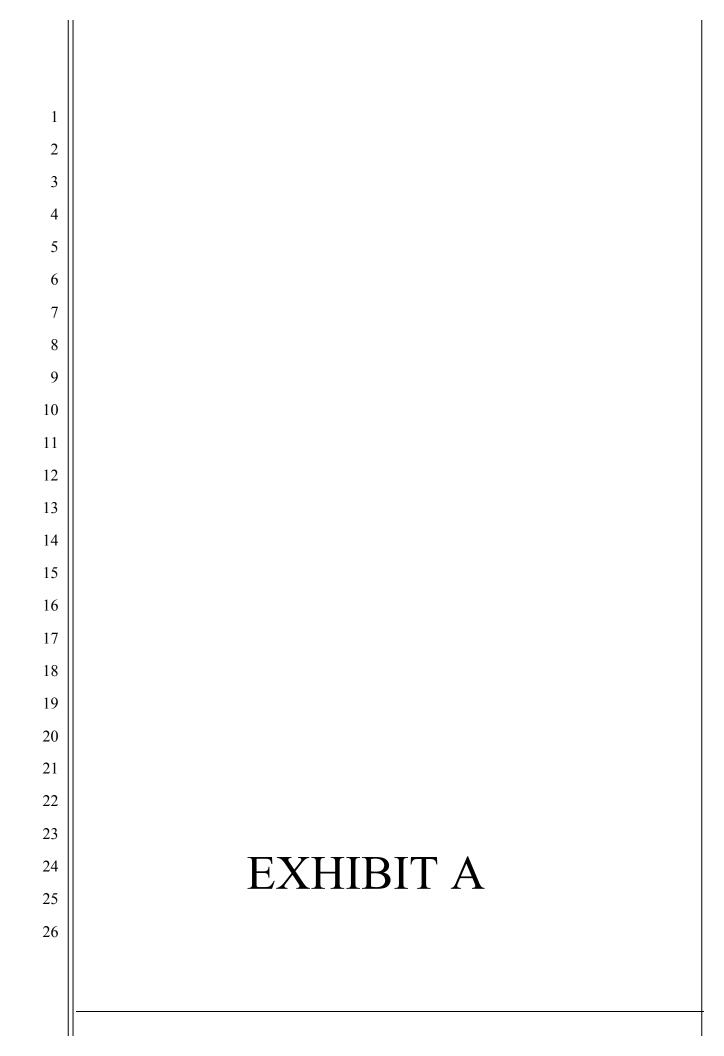
40. PLAINTIFF re-alleges and incorporates by this reference each and every preceding allegation and paragraph as though fully set forth in this cause of action.

41. By committing the acts alleged in this Complaint, NUTREX has caused
irreparable harm for which there is no plain, speedy or adequate remedy at law. In the absence
of equitable relief, NUTREX will continue to create a substantial risk of irreparable injury by
continuing to cause consumers to be involuntarily and unwittingly exposed to the LISTED
CHEMICAL through the use and/or handling of the PRODUCTS.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, PLAINTIFF accordingly prays for the following relief:

1	А.	A preliminary and permanent injunction, pursuant to H&S Code §25249.7(b),							
2	enjoining NUTREX, its agents, employees, assigns and all persons acting in concert or								
3	participating with NUTREX, from distributing or selling the PRODUCTS in California without								
4	first providing a clear and reasonable warning, within the meaning of Proposition 65, that the								
5	users and/or handlers of the PRODUCTS are exposed to the LISTED CHEMICAL;								
6	B. an injunctive order, pursuant to H&S Code §25249.7(b), compelling								
7	DEFENDANTS to identify and locate each individual who has purchased the PRODUCTS								
8	since June 15, 2012, and to provide a warning to such person that the use of the PRODUCTS								
9	will expose the user to chemicals known to birth defects and other reproductive harm;								
10	C.	An assessment of civil penalties pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(b),							
11	against NU	TREX in the amount of \$2,500 per day for each violation of Proposition 65;							
12	D. An award to PLAINTIFF of its reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to								
13	California Code of Civil Procedure §1021.5 or the substantial benefit theory;								
14	E.	An award of costs of suit herein; and							
15	F.	Such other and further relief as may be just and proper.							
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17	Dated: Feb	ruary 17, 2016 WRAITH LAW							
18		By: WILLIAM F. WRAITH							
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June 15, 2015

NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS 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, Inc. ("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 Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, 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.

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

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

Nutrex Research, Inc.

<u>Consumer Products and Listed Chemical</u>. The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemical in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

Nutrex Research Inc. Muscle Infusion Chocolate Banana Crunch - Lead Nutrex Research Inc. Muscle Infusion Chocolate - Lead Nutrex Research Inc. Muscle Infusion Chocolate Peanut Butter Crunch – 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.

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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 this chemical 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 June 15, 2012, 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 this known toxic chemical is 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 chemical. 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 this chemical.

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 chemical, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of these products; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with Proposition 65 to all persons located in California who purchased the above products in the last three years. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemical, 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 Violations to my attention at the law office address and telephone number indicated on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

William Fhlaith

William F. Wraith

Attachments

Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service OEHHA Summary (to Nutrex Research, Inc. and its Registered Agent for Service of Process only) Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only) Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq*. June 15, 2015 Page 3

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Re: Environmental Research Center, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Nutrex Research, Inc.

I, William F. Wraith, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached 60-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.

Dated: June 15, 2015

William Fhlaith

William F. Wraith

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

l, 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 June 15, 2015, 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 at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

Current President or CEO	Jens Ingenohl
Nutrex Research, Inc.	(Registered Agent for Nutrex Research, Inc.)
579 South Econ Circle	579 South Econ Circle
Oviedo, FL 32765	Oviedo, FL 32765

On June 15, 2015, 1 verified the following documents NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, 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) were served on the following party when a true and correct copy thereof was uploaded on the California Attorney General's website, which can be accessed at https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice:

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

On June 15, 2015, 1 served the following documents: NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, 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 at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Priority Mail.

Executed on June 15, 2015, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

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Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.* June 15, 2015 Page 5 <u>Service List</u>

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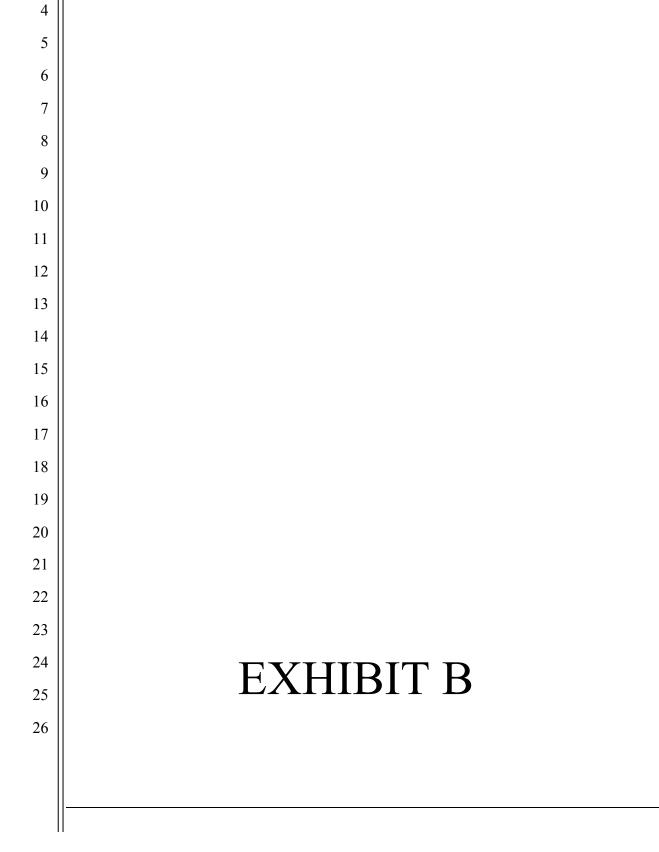
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November 5, 2015

NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS 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, Inc. ("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 product 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 this product. This letter serves as a notice of these violations to the alleged Violator and the appropriate public enforcement agencies. Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, 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.

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

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

Nutrex Research, Inc.

<u>Consumer Product and Listed Chemical</u>. The product that is the subject of this notice and the chemical in that product identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

Nutrex Research Inc. Muscle Infusion Vanilla - 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,

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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.

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

<u>Approximate Time Period of Violations</u>. Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least November 5, 2012, as well as every day since the product was introduced into the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until this known toxic chemical is either removed from or reduced to allowable levels in the product. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemical. 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 this product with appropriate warnings that they are being exposed to this chemical.

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 product so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemical, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of this product; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with Proposition 65 to all persons located in California who purchased the above product in the last three years. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemical, 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 Violations to my attention at the law office address and telephone number indicated on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

William Fhlaith

William F. Wraith

Attachments

Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service OEHHA Summary (to Nutrex Research, Inc. and its Registered Agent for Service of Process only) Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only) Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq*. November 5, 2015 Page 3

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Re: Environmental Research Center, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Nutrex Research, Inc.

I, William F. Wraith, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached 60-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.

Dated: November 5, 2015

William Fhlaith

William F. Wraith

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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 November 5, 2015, 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 at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

Current President or CEO	Jens O. Ingenohl
Nutrex Research, Inc.	(Registered Agent for Nutrex Research,
579 South Econ Circle	Inc.)
Oviedo, FL 32765	579 South Econ Circle
-	Oviedo, FL 32765

On November 5, 2015, I verified the following documents NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, 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) were served on the following party when a true and correct copy thereof was uploaded on the California Attorney General's website, which can be accessed at https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice :

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

On November 5, 2015, I verified the following documents NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 *ET SEQ*.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT were served on the following party when a true and correct copy thereof was sent via electronic mail to the party listed below:

Yolo County District Attorney 301 2nd Street Woodland, CA 95695 <u>cfepd@yolocounty.org</u>

On November 5, 2015, I served the following documents: NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, 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 at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Priority Mail.

Executed on November 5, 2015, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Phyllis Unwoody

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