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**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:** (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

Bodum USA, Inc., Amazon.com, Inc., Gibson Overseas, Inc., Kay Park-Rec Corporation, (Additional Parties Attachment form is attached)

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

**Ecological Rights Foundation** 

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You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

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(El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of the State of California

County of San Francisco

400 McAllister Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Fredric Evenson, P.O. Box 1000, Santa Cruz, CA 95061; (831) 454-8216; evenson@ecologylaw.com

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BY FAX ONE LEGAL LLC

Plaintiff, Ecological Rights Foundation, in the public interest, based on information and belief, and knowledge and investigation of counsel allege as follows:

# INTRODUCTION

- 1. This Complaint seeks civil penalties and an injunction against Bodum USA, Inc.; Amazon.Com, Inc.; Gibson Overseas, Inc.; Kay Park-Rec Corporation; Meco Corporation; R J Thomas Mfg. Co., Inc.; and Wayfair LLC, ("Defendants") to remedy Defendants' continuing failure to warn individuals in California about exposures to carbon monoxide, a chemical known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity. Such exposures have occurred and continue to occur, through the use of charcoal grills that Defendants manufacture, distribute and/or sell in the State ("Products"). These Products are intended to be used with charcoal and are used for cooking. The combustion of charcoal in charcoal grills causes carbon monoxide to be released into the air. People using charcoal grills, and those standing near the Products when they are in use, inhale the released carbon monoxide.
- 2. Under California's Proposition 65, California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, et seq., it is unlawful for businesses to knowingly and intentionally expose individuals in California to chemicals known to the State to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm without providing clear and reasonable warnings to individuals prior to their exposure. Defendants introduce charcoal grills into the California marketplace, exposing users of the Products, including pregnant women, to carbon monoxide. Despite the fact that Defendants expose pregnant women and other consumers and individuals to carbon monoxide, Defendants provide no warnings about the reproductive hazards associated with such exposures. Defendants' conduct thus violates the warning provision of Proposition 65. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6.
- 3. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7 to compel Defendants to bring their 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 carbon monoxide in the ways set forth above. Plaintiff seeks an order that Defendants identify and

locate each individual person to whom the Defendants conveyed Products during the past three years and to provide to each such individual, as well as new purchasers and Product users, a clear and reasonable warning that use of the Products causes exposures to a chemical known to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm.

4. In addition to injunctive relief, Plaintiff seeks civil penalties to remedy Defendants' failure to provide clear and reasonable warnings regarding exposure to a chemical known to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm.

## **PARTIES**

- 5. Plaintiff, Ecological Rights Foundation ("EcoRights") is a non-profit public benefit organization dedicated to, among other causes, protecting California residents from toxic exposures, environmental and human health education, and consumer rights. Ecological Rights Foundation is incorporated under the laws of the State of California and is a "person" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.11(a). EcoRights brings this enforcement action in the public interest pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d).
- 6. Bodum USA, Inc. is a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code §25249.11(b). Bodum USA, Inc. markets, distributes, and/or sells the Products for sale and use in the State of California.
- 7. Amazon.Com, Inc. is a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code §25249.11(b). Amazon.com, Inc. markets, distributes, and/or sells the Products for sale and use in the State of California.
- 8. Gibson Overseas, Inc. is a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code §25249.11(b). Gibson Overseas, Inc. markets, distributes, and/or sells the Products for sale and use in the State of California.
- 9. Kay Park-Rec Corporation is a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code §25249.11(b). Kay Park-Rec Corporation markets, distributes, and/or sells the Products for sale and use in the State of California.
- 10. Meco Corporation is a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code §25249.11(b). Meco Corporation markets, distributes, and/or sells the Products for

sale and use in the State of California.

- 11. R J Thomas Mfg. Co., Inc. is a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code §25249.11(b). R J Thomas Mfg. Co., Inc. markets, distributes, and/or sells the Products for sale and use in the State of California.
- 12. Wayfair LLC is a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code §25249.11(b). Wayfair LLC markets, distributes, and/or sells the Products for sale and use in the State of California.
  - 13. Each Defendant employs more than ten people.

# **JURISDICTION**

- 14. The Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7. California Constitution Article VI, Section 10 grants the Superior Court "original jurisdiction in all causes except those given by statute to other trial courts." Chapter 6.6 of the Health & Safety Code, which contains the statutes under which this action is brought, does not grant jurisdiction to any other trial court.
- 15. This Court also has jurisdiction over Defendants because they are businesses that have sufficient minimum contacts in California and within the County of San Francisco. Defendants intentionally availed themselves of the California and San Francisco County markets. It is thus consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice for the San Francisco County Superior Court to exercise jurisdiction over Defendants.
- 16. Venue is proper in San Francisco County Superior Court because one or more of the violations arise in the County of San Francisco.

## **BACKGROUND**

17. The People of the State of California have declared by initiative under Proposition 65 their right "[t]o be informed about exposures to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm." Proposition 65, § 1(b). To effectuate this goal, Proposition 65 prohibits exposing people to chemicals listed by the State of California as known to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm without a "clear and reasonable warning" unless the business responsible for the exposure can prove that it fits within a statutory exemption. Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6

states, in pertinent part:

No person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally 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 individual . . .

18. On July 1, 1989, the State of California officially listed carbon monoxide as a chemical known to cause developmental reproductive toxicity, which means harm to the developing fetus. On July 1, 1990, carbon monoxide exposures became subject to the clear and reasonable warning requirements under Proposition 65. 27 C.C.R. § 27001(b); Health & Safety Code Section 25249.10(b).

19. Plaintiff brings this enforcement action against Defendants pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). Attached hereto and incorporated by reference are copies of the Notices of Violation dated August 11, 2017 (Bodum USA, Inc.), September 1, 2017 (Amazon.com, Inc.), August 11, 2017 (Gibson Overseas, Inc.), September 1, 2017 (Kay Park-Rec Corporation), August 11, 2017 (Meco Corporation), August 11, 2017 (R J Thomas Mfg. Co., Inc.), and September 1, 2017 (Wayfair LLC), which on those dates EcoRights sent to California's Attorney General, every county District Attorney in California, and to the City Attorneys of every California City with a population greater than 750,000. On the same day, Plaintiff sent substantively identical letters to each Defendant. In compliance with Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d) and 27 C.C.R. § 25903(b), each of the Notices included the following information: (1) the name and address of each violator; (2) the statute violated; (3) the time period during which violations occurred; (4) specific descriptions of the violations, including (a) the routes of exposure to carbon monoxide from the Products, and (b) the specific type of Products sold and used in violation of Proposition 65; and (5) the name of the specific Proposition 65-listed chemical that is the subject of the violations described in each Notice.

20. Attached to each of the Notices of Violation sent to the Defendants was a summary of Proposition 65 that was prepared by California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. In addition, the Notices of Violation were accompanied by a Certificate of Service attesting to the service of the Notice of Violation on each entity which received it. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d) and 11 C.C.R. § 3101, Plaintiff also sent a Certificate of Merit with the Notices of Violation attesting to the reasonable and meritorious basis for the action. Plaintiff

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enclosed factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit with the Notice of Violation letters sent to the Attorney General.

- 21. None of the public prosecutors with the authority to prosecute violations of Proposition 65 has commenced and/or is diligently prosecuting a cause of action against Defendant under Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 *et seq.*, based on the claims asserted in EcoRights' Notices.
- 22. Defendants both know and intend that individuals, including pregnant women, will use the Products for cooking, thus exposing them to carbon monoxide. Under Proposition 65, an exposure is "knowing" where the party responsible for such exposure has "knowledge of the fact that a[n]... exposure to a chemical listed pursuant to [Health & Safety Code § 25249.8(a)] is occurring. No knowledge that . . . exposure is unlawful is required." 27 C.C.R. § 25102(n). This knowledge may be either actual or constructive. *See, e.g.*, Final Statement of Reasons Revised (November 4, 1988) (pursuant to former 22 C.C.R. Division 2, § 12201). Defendants have been informed of the carbon monoxide exposures caused by the use of Products by the 60-Day Notice of Violation, and the accompanying Certificate of Merit served on them by EcoRights. Defendants also have constructive knowledge of the carbon monoxide exposures caused by Products. As companies that manufacture, market, distribute and/or sell the Products for use in the State of California, Defendants know or should know that carbon monoxide exposures to users of the Products are a natural and foreseeable consequence of Defendants' placing the Products into the stream of commerce.
- 23. Any person "violating or threatening to violate" Proposition 65 may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7. "Threaten to violate" is defined to mean "to create a condition in which there is a substantial probability that a violation will occur." Health & Safety Code § 25249.11(e). Proposition 65 provides for civil penalties not to exceed \$2,500 per day for each violation of the statute.
- 24. EcoRights has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior to filing this complaint.

#### **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

### (Violations of Health & Safety Code §25249.6)

25. EcoRights realleges and incorporates the facts and allegations contained in the above Complaint

paragraphs as though specifically set forth herein. 1 26. That each defendant is a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health 2 & Safety Code § 25249.11(b) who, by manufacturing, marketing, distribution, sale or otherwise 3 placing the Products into the stream of commerce, violated, violates or threatens to violate 4 Proposition 65. 5 27. Carbon monoxide is a chemical listed by the State of California as known to cause 6 developmental reproductive toxicity. 7 28. Defendants know that the average use of the Products will expose users of the Products to 8 carbon monoxide. Defendants intend that the Products be used in a manner that results in exposures 9 to carbon monoxide. 10 29. Defendants have failed and continues to fail, to provide clear and reasonable warnings 11 regarding the reproductive toxicity of carbon monoxide to users of the Products. 12 30. Since at least three years prior to the Notice of Violation Letters, Defendants have violated 13 Proposition 65 by knowingly and intentionally exposing individuals to carbon monoxide without 14 first giving clear and reasonable warnings to such individuals regarding the reproductive toxicity of 15 carbon monoxide. 16 PRAYER FOR RELIEF 17 Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows: 18 Pursuant to the First Cause of Action, that Defendants be enjoined, restrained, and 1. 19 ordered to comply with the provisions of Section 25249.6 of the California Health & 20 Safety Code; 21 2. That Defendants be ordered to make best efforts to identify and locate each individual 22 in California to whom it, or its customers or agents, distributed or sold Products 23 during the past three years, and to provide a warning to each such person that use of 24 the Product will expose that person to a chemical known to cause birth defects and 25 other reproductive harm; 26 3. That Defendants be assessed a civil penalty in an amount equal to \$2,500.00 per day 27 per individual exposed to carbon monoxide in violation of Section 25249.6 of the 28

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1			California Health & Safety Code, as the result of Defendants' marketing, distributing,
2			and/or selling the Products for use in California.
3	4. That, pursuant to Civil Procedure Code § 1021.5, Defendants be ordered to pay		
4			Plaintiff the attorneys' fees and costs it incurred in bringing this enforcement action;
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6		5.	For such other relief as this court deems just and proper.
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**SEPTEMBER 1, 2017** 

## NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT

Jeff Bezos, President Amazon.com, Inc. c/o CSC - Lawyers Incorporating Service 2710 Gateway Oaks Dr. Ste. 150N Sacramento CA 95833

AND THE PUBLIC PROSECUTORS LISTED ON THE DISTRIBUTION LIST ACCOMPANYING THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Violations of Proposition 65 Concerning Carbon Monoxide Exposures from Charcoal Grills and Charcoal Starters

In accord with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, Ecological Rights Foundation ("ERF") hereby gives you notice that the above company has violated and is in ongoing violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, which provides that "[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individual."

Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, ERF intends to bring an enforcement action 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify the violations discussed in this notice letter. The public enforcement agencies that have been served with copies of this notice of violations are identified in the attached Certificate of Service.

This Notice of Violations ("Notice") is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). Attached for your reference is a summary, "Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary" prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"). Pursuant to Title 11, C.C.R. § 3100, a Certificate of Merit is also attached.

The above-referenced violations occur when California residents use charcoal grills and charcoal starters. These products are used primarily for cooking and lighting charcoal respectively. Combustion of charcoal produces and exposes people to **carbon monoxide**, a chemical known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity. Because the combustion of charcoal causes carbon monoxide to be released into the air, people using charcoal grills and charcoal starters, and others standing near the products when charcoal is burning in or on the products, inhale carbon monoxide. Exposure to carbon monoxide is via the inhalation route.

Below is a list of the products subject to this notice. Though specific models or SKU or product

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numbers are given as examples, this Notice also pertains to all models, and all variations, of these vendors' charcoal grills and charcoal starters sold through Amazon.com.

E-Teching all-in-1 Folding Portable BBQ Grill with Storage Bag, Item# B01N5KL5EM

Medina River Outdoor Products "Suitcase" folding Bar-B-Q Grill UPC#811801010859; "Grill Master" Bar-B-Q Grill; "Little Dandy" Bar-B-Q Grill; "Backyard" Smoker/Grill

Ospard Camping Trip Portable Charcoal Grills; Models CA-03, CA-04A, CA-04B, CA-05A, CA-08A, CA-19, CA-12, CA-1; (Qing-In)

Portable Kitchen (PK) Grill & Smoker; PK 99740; UPC#673632997408

Yangjiang Berson Household Products Co., Ltd., Good Helper BBQ Charcoal Chimney Starter; Model Number 0545106

This non-exclusive list of examples of the type of products that are subject to this Notice is for the recipient's benefit and is not meant to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product. It is ERF's position that the alleged Violator is obligated to conduct a good faith investigation into other specific products within the identified category or type that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold, shipped, stored (or otherwise within the notice recipient's custody or control) during the past three years, to ensure that clear and reasonable warnings are provided to California citizens prior to purchase, or retroactively if necessary.

These products cause carbon monoxide exposures to occur in people's yards and everywhere else throughout California where these products are used. These violations are alleged for consumer and environmental exposures.

The noticed party did not and does not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before they expose them in California to carbon monoxide. The above-referenced violations have occurred every day since at least September 1, 2014 and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are given.

ERF is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to protecting human and environmental health, including raising awareness of, and reducing exposures to, toxic chemicals. The following individual is the responsible individual within ERF for purposes of this Notice:

James Lamport, Executive Director Ecological Rights Foundation 867 B Redwood Drive Garberville, California 95542 Telephone: (707) 923-4372

ERF has retained the following counsel to represent them in this matter (please direct communications to counsel):

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#### Resolution of Noticed Claims:

ERF is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that advances the public interest without engaging in costly and protracted litigation. ERF is willing to settle this matter to the extent legally possible prior to the commencement of any enforcement action. Settlement terms would require that the unwarned exposures described in this Notice of Violation be stopped. That would require at least the following: 1) a potential recall of products already sold; 2) that either warnings be given to all future purchasers in California of the products subject to this Notice, that the products be reformulated to eliminate the exposures described in the Notice, or that you stop marketing, distributing or selling the products in California; 3) that you locate and provide a warning compliant with 27 Cal. Code Regs Section 25601 to each person who has been subject to the unwarned exposures described in the Notice to the extent those exposures are caused by products that were sold in California during the past three years; and 4) that you pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249(b). It should be noted that ERF cannot finalize any settlement of this matter until 70 days have elapsed since the sending of the Notice and unless no public enforcer has begun an enforcement action concerning the violations described in the Notice. Any settlement on behalf of the public interest must be approved by the California Superior Court on noticed motion with 45 days' notice to the California Attorney General. The Attorney General may appear at any approval hearing and oppose a settlement if he or she believes the proposed settlement is not in the public interest. If you wish to discuss settlement of this matter before ERF files suit, please promptly contact ERF's counsel.

Sincerely,

Fredric Evenson



#### OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

The following summary has been prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as "Proposition 65"). A copy of this summary must be included as an attachment to any notice of violation served upon an alleged violator of the Act. The summary provides basic information about the provisions of the law, and is intended to serve only as a convenient source of general information. It is not intended to provide authoritative guidance on the meaning or application of the law. Please refer to the statute and OEHHA's implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information. FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE RELATED TO YOUR BUSINESS, CONTACT THE PERSON IDENTIFIED ON THE NOTICE.

The text of Proposition 65 (Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13) is available online at:

http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65/aw/2003.html. Regulations that provide more specific guidance on compliance, and that specify procedures to be followed by the State in carrying out certain aspects of the law, are found in <u>Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 25102</u> through 27001.¹ These implementing regulations are available online at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html.

WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?

The "Proposition 65 List." Under Proposition 65, the lead agency (OEHHA) publishes a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity. Chemicals are placed on the Proposition 65 list if they are known to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, such as damage to female or male reproductive systems or to the developing fetus. This list must be updated at least once a year. The current Proposition 65 list of chemicals is available on the OEHHA website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65\_list/Newlist.html.

Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under Proposition 65. Businesses that produce, use, release or otherwise engage in activities involving listed chemicals must comply with the following:

Clear and reasonable warnings. A business is required to warn a person before "knowingly and intentionally" exposing that person to a listed chemical unless an exemption applies. The warning given must be "clear and reasonable." This means that the warning must: (1) clearly say that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm; and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed to that chemical. Some exposures are exempt from the warning requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

Prohibition from discharges into drinking water. A business must not knowingly discharge or release a listed chemical into water or onto land where it passes or probably will pass into a source of drinking water. Some discharges are exempt from this requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Yes. You should consult the current version of the statute and regulations (http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html) to determine all applicable exemptions, the most common of which are the following:

Grace Periods. Proposition 65 warning requirements do not apply until 12 months after the chemical has been listed. The Proposition 65 discharge prohibition does not apply to a discharge or release of a chemical that takes place less than 20 months after the listing of the chemical.

Governmental agencies and public water utilities. All agencies of the federal, state or local government, as well as entities operating public water

Businesses with nine or fewer employees. Neither the warning requirement nor the discharge prohibition applies to a business that employes a total of nine or fewer employees. This includes all employees, not just those present in California.

Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses "no significant risk." This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific "No Significant Risk Levels" (NSRLs) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OEHHA's website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of NSRLs, and Section 25701 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question. For chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the "no observable effect level" divided by 1,000. This number is known as the Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL). See OEHHA's website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of MADLs, and Section 25801 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures to Naturally Occurring Chemicals in Food. Certain exposures to chemicals that naturally occur in foods (i.e., that do not result from any known human activity, including activity by someone other than the person causing the exposure) are exempt from the warning requirements of the law. If the chemical is a contaminant it must be reduced to the lowest level feasible. Regulations explaining this exemption can be found in Section 25501.

Discharges that do not result in a "significant amount" of the listed chemical entering any source of drinking water. The prohibition from discharges into drinking water does not apply if the discharger is able to demonstrate that a "significant amount" of the listed chemical has not, does not, or will not pass into or probably pass into a source of drinking water, and that the discharge complies with all other applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements, or orders. A "significant amount" means any detectable amount, except an amount that would meet the "no significant risk" level for chemicals that cause cancer or that is 1,000 times below the "no observable effect" level for chemicals that cause reproductive toxicity, if an individual were exposed to that amount in drinking water.

HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys. Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. The notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in Section 25903 of Title 27 and sections 3100-3103 of Title 11. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if





one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an enforcement action within sixty days of the notice.

A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penaltics of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court to stop committing the violation.

A private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. For the following types of exposures, the Act provides an opportunity for the business to correct the alleged violation:

- An exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law;
- An exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarily intended for immediate consumption on- or off- premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;
- An exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;
- An exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

If a private party alleges that a violation occurred based on one of the exposures described above, the private party must first provide the alleged violator a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form.

A private party may not file an action against the alleged violator for these exposures, or recover in a settlement any payment in lieu of penalties any reimbursement for costs and attorney's fees, if the notice was served on or after October 5, 2013, and the alleged violator has done all of the following within 14 days of being served notice:

- · Corrected the alleged violation;
- Agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 (subject to change as noted below) to the private party within 30 days; and
- Notified the private party serving the notice in writing that the violation has been corrected.

The written notification to the private-party must include a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form completed by the alleged violator as directed in the notice. On April 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter, the dollar amount of the civil penalty will be adjusted by the Judicial Council based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index. The Judicial Council will publish the dollar amount of the adjusted civil penalty at each five-year interval, together with the date of the next scheduled adjustment.

An alleged violator may satisfy these conditions only one time for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility or on the same premises. The satisfaction of these conditions does not prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney of a city of greater than 750,000 population, or any full-time city prosecutor with the consent of the district attorney, from filing an enforcement action against an alleged violator. The amount of any civil penalty for a violation shall be reduced to reflect any payment made by the alleged violator for the same alleged violation to a private-party.

A copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included with this notice and can be downloaded from OEHHA's website at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65law72003.html. The notice is reproduced here:

Page 1 Date:

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address:

Phone number:

# SPECIAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE PROOF OF COMPLIANCE

You are receiving this form because the Noticing Party listed above has alleged that you are violating California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 (Prop. 65).

The Noticing Party may not bring any legal proceedings against you for the alleged violation checked below if:

- 1. You have actually taken the corrective steps that you have certified in this form
- 2. The Noticing Party has received this form at the address shown above, accurately completed by you, postmarked within 14 days of your receiving this notice
- 3. The Noticing Party receives the required \$500 penalty payment from you at the address shown above postmarked within 30 days of your receiving this notice.
- 4. This is the first time you have submitted a Proof of Compliance for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility on the same premises.

#### PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOTICING PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR THE NOTICING PARTY

The alleged violation is for an exposure to: (check one)

- \_\_\_Alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent on-site consumption is permitted by law.
- \_\_\_A chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises for immediate consumption on or off premises to the extent: (1) the chemical was not intentionally added; and (2) the chemical was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination.
- \_\_Environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises.
- \_\_\_Chemicals known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking noncommercial vehicles.
- 1. You have no potential liability under California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 if your business has nine (9) or fewer employees.
- 2. Using this form will NOT prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney, or a prosecutor in whose jurisdiction the violation is alleged to have occurred from filing an action over the same alleged violations, and that in any such action, the amount of civil penalty shall be reduced to reflect any payment made at this time.

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Date:

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address:

Phone number:

# PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

#### Certification of Compliance

Accurate completion of this form will demonstrate that you are now in compliance with <u>California Health and Safety Code §25249.6</u> for the alleged violation listed above. You must complete and submit the form below to the Noticing Party at the address shown above, postmarked within 14 days of you receiving

this notice.  I hereby agree to pay, within 30 days of completion of this notice, a civil penalty of \$500 to the Noticing Party only and certify that I have complied with Health and Safety Code \$25249.6 by (check only one of the following):
Posting a warning or warnings about the alleged exposure that complies with the law, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately showing its placement on my premises;
Posting the warning or warnings demanded in writing by the Noticing Party, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately its placement on my premises; OR
Eliminating the alleged exposure, and attaching a statement accurately describing how the alleged exposure has been eliminated.
Certification  My statements on this form, and on any attachments to it, are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I have carefully read the instructions to complete this form. I understand that if I make a false statement on this form, I may be subject to additional penalties under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).
Signature of alleged violator or authorized representative Date
Name and title of signatory

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS. . .

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov.

# Certificate of Merit Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Fredric Evenson, hereby declare:

- (1) This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
- (2) I am the attorney for the noticing party.
- (3) I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.
- (4) Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all 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 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) The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 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.

Date: September 1, 2017

Fredric Evenson

By:

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am a California resident, over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. My business address is P.O. Box 1000, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

On September 1, 2017, I served the following:

1) Notice of Violations: California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

- 3) Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary
- 4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in a sealed envelope addressed to each person shown below and depositing the envelope in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

Jeff Bezos, President Amazon.com, Inc. c/o CSC - Lawyers Incorporating Service 2710 Gateway Oaks Dr. Ste. 150N Sacramento CA 95833

On September 1, 2017, I also served the following:

1) Notice of Violations: California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

3) Certificate of Merit (Attorney General Copy): Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit (only sent to Attorney General)

4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in sealed envelopes addressed to each of the public prosecutors listed on the attached Service List with physical mailing addresses, and depositing the envelopes in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by First Class Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

by sending portable document format (.pdf) files of the same to the electronic mail addresses to each of the public prosecutors identified by the California Attorney General as having authorized electronic service of notices. These public enforcement agencies appear on the attached Service List with their electronic mail addresses.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed September 1, 2017, at Santa Cruz, CA.

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# Service List – Public Prosecutors

Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney Tehama County
lameda County	Lassen County	San Benito County 419 4th Street	P.O. Box 519
225 Fallon Street, Room 900	mlatimer@co.lassen.ca.us	Hollister, CA 95023	Red Bluff, CA 96080
Dakland, CA 94612	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
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Alpine County	211 W. Temple Street, Suite 1200	303 W. Third Street	P.O. Box 310
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Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Butte County	Marin County	San Francisco County	Tuolumne County 423 N. Washington Street
25 County Center Drive	3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 130	gregory.alker@sfgov.org	Sonora, CA 95370
Oroville, CA 95965	San Rafael, CA 94903	Office Sales District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
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Office of the District Attorney	Merced County	San Mateo County	Yuba County
Contra Costa County	550 West Main Street	400 County Center, Third Floor	215 Fifth Street, Suite 152
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Del Norte County	Modoc County	Santa Barbara County	City Hall, 6th Floor
450 H Street, Room 171	204 S. Court Street Room 202	1112 Santa Barbara Street	1 Frank Ogawa Plaza
Crescent City, CA 95531	Alturas, CA 96101	Santa Barbara, CA 93101	Oakland, California 94612
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Placerville, CA 95667			San Francisco, CA 94102 Office of the City Attorney
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Glenn County	Napa County	1355 West Street	200 E. Santa Clara St.
P.O. Box 430	CEPD@countyofnapa.org	Redding, CA 96001	San Jose, CA 95113
Willows, CA 95988	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Nevada County	Sierra County	City of Los Angeles
Humboldt County	201 Commercial Street	P.O. Box 457	200 N. Main Street, Suite 800
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Inyo County	Placer County	Solano County	Reporting Attn: Prop 65 Coordinator
P.O. Box D	10810 Justice Center Drive	675 Texas Street, Suite 4500 Fairfield, CA 94533	1515 Clay Street
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# **ECOLOGY LAW CENTER**

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AUGUST 11, 2017

#### NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT

President BODUM® USA, Inc. 601 West 26th Street, Suite 1250 New York, NY 10001	Alain Grossenbacher, CEO BODUM® USA, Inc. 300 Greene Ave Brooklyn, NY 11238
United Corporate Services, Inc., Registered Agent c/o BODUM® USA, Inc. 10 Bank St. Ste. 560 White Plains NY 10606	

# AND THE PUBLIC PROSECUTORS LISTED ON THE DISTRIBUTION LIST ACCOMPANYING THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Violations of Proposition 65 Concerning Carbon Monoxide Exposures from Charcoal Grills

In accord with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, Ecological Rights Foundation ("ERF") hereby gives you notice that the above company has violated and is in ongoing violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, which provides that "[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individual."

Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, ERF intends to bring an enforcement action 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify the violations discussed in this notice letter. The public enforcement agencies that have been served with copies of this notice of violations are identified in the attached Certificate of Service.

This Notice of Violations ("Notice") is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). Attached for your reference is a summary, "Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary" prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"). Pursuant to Title 11, C.C.R. § 3100, a Certificate of Merit is also attached.

The above-referenced violations occur when California residents use charcoal grills. These products are used primarily for cooking. Combustion of charcoal produces and exposes people to **carbon monoxide**, a chemical known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity. Because the combustion of charcoal causes carbon monoxide to be released into the air, people

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using charcoal grills, and others standing near the products when charcoal is burning in or on the products, inhale carbon monoxide. Exposure to carbon monoxide is via the inhalation route.

Below is a non-exclusive list of examples of these types of products. Though specific models or SKU or product numbers are given as examples, this Notice pertains to all models, and all variations, of the specific type of product of which the named model is an example.

# Bodum® Fyrkat Charcoal Picnic Grill UPC#699965250157

This non-exclusive list of examples of the type of products that are subject to this Notice is for the recipient's benefit and is not meant to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product. It is ERF's position that the alleged Violator is obligated to conduct a good faith investigation into other specific products within the identified category or type that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold, shipped, stored (or otherwise within the notice recipient's custody or control) during the past three years, to ensure that clear and reasonable warnings are provided to California citizens prior to purchase, or retroactively if necessary.

These products cause carbon monoxide exposures to occur in people's yards and everywhere else throughout California where these products are used. These violations are alleged for consumer and environmental exposures.

The noticed party did not and does not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before they expose them in California to carbon monoxide. The above-referenced violations have occurred every day since at least August 11, 2014 and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are given.

ERF is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to protecting human and environmental health, including raising awareness of, and reducing exposures to, toxic chemicals. The following individual is the responsible individual within ERF for purposes of this Notice:

James Lamport, Executive Director Ecological Rights Foundation 867 B Redwood Drive Garberville, California 95542 Telephone: (707) 923-4372

ERF has retained the following counsel to represent them in this matter (please direct communications to counsel):

Fredric Evenson
Ecology Law Center
P.O. Box 1000
Santa Cruz, California 95061
Telephone: (831) 454-8216
Email: evenson@ecologylaw.com

# Resolution of Noticed Claims:

ERF is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that advances the public interest without engaging in costly and protracted litigation. ERF is willing to settle this matter to the extent legally possible prior to the commencement of any enforcement action. Settlement

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terms would require that the unwarned exposures described in this Notice of Violation be stopped. That would require at least the following: 1) a potential recall of products already sold; 2) that either warnings be given to all future purchasers in California of the products subject to this Notice, that the products be reformulated to eliminate the exposures described in the Notice, or that you stop marketing, distributing or selling the products in California; 3) that you locate and provide a warning compliant with 27 Cal. Code Regs Section 25601 to each person who has been subject to the unwarned exposures described in the Notice to the extent those exposures are caused by products that were sold in California during the past three years; and 4) that you pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249(b). It should be noted that ERF cannot finalize any settlement of this matter until 70 days have elapsed since the sending of the Notice and unless no public enforcer has begun an enforcement action concerning the violations described in the Notice. Any settlement on behalf of the public interest must be approved by the California Superior Court on noticed motion with 45 days' notice to the California Attorney General. The Attorney General may appear at any approval hearing and oppose a settlement if he or she believes the proposed settlement is not in the public interest. If you wish to discuss settlement of this matter before ERF files suit, please promptly contact ERF's counsel.

Sincerely,

Fredric Evenson

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#### OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

The following summary has been prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as "Proposition 65"). A copy of this summary must be included as an attachment to any notice of violation served upon an alleged violator of the Act. The summary provides basic information about the provisions of the law, and is intended to serve only as a convenient source of general information. It is not intended to provide authoritative guidance on the meaning or application of the law. Please refer to the statute and OEHHA's implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information. FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE RELATED TO YOUR BUSINESS, CONTACT THE PERSON IDENTIFIED ON THE NOTICE.

The text of Proposition 65 (Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13) is available online at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65law72003.html. Regulations that provide more specific guidance on compliance, and that specify procedures to be followed by the State in carrying out certain aspects of the law, are found in <u>Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 25102</u> through 27001.¹ These implementing regulations are available online at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html.

WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?

The "Proposition 65 List." Under Proposition 65, the lead agency (OEHHA) publishes a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity. Chemicals are placed on the Proposition 65 list if they are known to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, such as damage to female or male reproductive systems or to the developing fetus. This list must be updated at least once a year. The current Proposition 65 list of chemicals is available on the OEHHA website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65\_list/Newlist.html.

Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under Proposition 65. Businesses that produce, use, release or otherwise engage in activities involving listed chemicals must comply with the following:

Clear and reasonable warnings. A business is required to warn a person before "knowingly and intentionally" exposing that person to a listed chemical unless an exemption applies. The warning given must be "clear and reasonable." This means that the warning must: (1) clearly say that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm; and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed to that chemical. Some exposures are exempt from the warning requirement under certain circumstances discussed below. Prohibition from discharges into drinking water. A business must not knowingly discharge or release a listed chemical into water or onto land where it passes or probably will pass into a source of drinking water. Some discharges are exempt from this requirement under certain circumstances discussed

DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Yes. You should consult the current version of the statute and regulations (http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html) to determine all applicable exemptions, the most common of which are the following:

Grace Periods. Proposition 65 warning requirements do not apply until 12 months after the chemical has been listed. The Proposition 65 discharge prohibition does not apply to a discharge or release of a chemical that takes place less than 20 months after the listing of the chemical. Governmental agencies and public water utilities. All agencies of the federal, state or local government, as well as entities operating public water systems, are exempt.

Businesses with nine or fewer employees. Neither the warning requirement nor the discharge prohibition applies to a business that employe a total of nine or fewer employees. This includes all employees, not just those present in California.

Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses "no significant risk." This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific "No Significant Risk Levels" (NSRLs) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OEHHA's website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of NSRLs, and Section 25701 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question. For chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the "no observable effect level" divided by 1,000. This number is known as the Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL). See OEHHA's website at: http://www.ochha.ca.gov/prop65/gctNSRLs.html for a list of MADLs, and Section 25801 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures to Naturally Occurring Chemicals in Food. Certain exposures to chemicals that naturally occur in foods (i.e., that do not result from any known human activity, including activity by someone other than the person causing the exposure) are exempt from the warning requirements of the law. If the chemical is a contaminant it must be reduced to the lowest level feasible. Regulations explaining this exemption can be found in Section 25501.

Discharges that do not result in a "significant amount" of the listed chemical entering any source of drinking water. The prohibition from discharges into drinking water does not apply if the discharger is able to demonstrate that a "significant amount" of the listed chemical has not, does not, or will not pass into or probably pass into a source of drinking water, and that the discharge complies with all other applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements, or orders. A "significant amount" means any detectable amount, except an amount that would meet the "no significant risk" level for chemicals that cause cancer or that is 1,000 times below the "no observable effect" level for chemicals that cause reproductive toxicity, if an individual were exposed to that amount in drinking water.

HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys. Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. The notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in Section 25903 of Title 27 and sections 3100-3103 of Title 11. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if

one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an enforcement action within sixty days of the notice.

A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court to stop committing the violation.

A private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. For the following types of exposures, the Act provides an opportunity for the business to correct the alleged violation:

- An exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law;
- An exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarily intended for immediate consumption on- or off- premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;
- An exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;
- An exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

If a private party alleges that a violation occurred based on one of the exposures described above, the private party must first provide the alleged violator a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form.

A private party may not file an action against the alleged violator for these exposures, or recover in a settlement any payment in lieu of penalties any reimbursement for costs and attorney's fees, if the notice was served on or after October 5, 2013, and the alleged violator has done *all* of the following within 14 days of being served notice:

- · Corrected the alleged violation;
- Agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 (subject to change as noted below) to the private party within 30 days; and
- Notified the private party serving the notice in writing that the violation has been corrected.

The written notification to the private-party must include a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form completed by the alleged violator as directed in the notice. On April 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter, the dollar amount of the civil penalty will be adjusted by the Judicial Council based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index. The Judicial Council will publish the dollar amount of the adjusted civil penalty at each five-year interval, together with the date of the next scheduled adjustment.

An alleged violator may satisfy these conditions only one time for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility or on the same premises. The satisfaction of these conditions does not prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney of a city of greater than 750,000 population, or any full-time city prosecutor with the consent of the district attorney, from filing an enforcement action against an alleged violator. The amount of any civil penalty for a violation shall be reduced to reflect any payment made by the alleged violator for the same alleged violation to a private-party.

A copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included with this notice and can be downloaded from OEHHA's website at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65law72003.html. The notice is reproduced here:

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Date:

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address:

Phone number:

# SPECIAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE PROOF OF COMPLIANCE

You are receiving this form because the Noticing Party listed above has alleged that you are violating <u>California Health and Safety Code §25249.6</u> (Prop. 65).

The Noticing Party may not bring any legal proceedings against you for the alleged violation checked below if:

- 1. You have actually taken the corrective steps that you have certified in this form
- 2. The Noticing Party has received this form at the address shown above, accurately completed by you, postmarked within 14 days of your receiving this notice
- 3. The Noticing Party receives the required \$500 penalty payment from you at the address shown above postmarked within 30 days of your receiving this notice.
- 4. This is the first time you have submitted a Proof of Compliance for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility on the same premises.

#### PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOTICING PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR THE NOTICING PARTY

The alleged violation is for an exposure to: (check one)

\_\_\_Alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent on-site consumption is permitted by law.

\_\_\_A chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises for immediate consumption on or off premises to the extent: (1) the chemical was not intentionally added; and (2) the chemical was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination.

\_\_\_Environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises.

\_\_Chemicals known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking noncommercial vehicles.

#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- 1. You have no potential liability under California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 if your business has nine (9) or fewer employees.
- 2. Using this form will NOT prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney, or a prosecutor in whose jurisdiction the violation is alleged to have occurred from filing an action over the same alleged violations, and that in any such action, the amount of civil penalty shall be reduced to reflect any payment made at this time.

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Date:

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address:

Phone number:

#### PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

#### Certification of Compliance

Accurate completion of this form will demonstrate that you are now in compliance with California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 for the alleged violation listed above. You must complete and submit the form below to the Noticing Party at the address shown above, postmarked within 14 days of you receiving

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS. . .

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov.

# Certificate of Merit Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Fredric Evenson, hereby declare:

- (1) This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
- (2) I am the attorney for the noticing party.
- (3) I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.
- (4) Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all 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 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) The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 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.

Date: August 11, 2017

By:

Fredric Evenson

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am a California resident, over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. My business address is P.O. Box 1000, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

On August 11, 2017, I served the following:

1) Notice of Violations: California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

3) Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary

4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in a sealed envelope addressed to each person shown below and depositing the envelope in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

President BODUM® USA, Inc. 601 West 26th Street, Suite 1250	Alain Grossenbacher, CEO BODUM® USA, Inc. 300 Greene Ave
New York, NY 10001 United Corporate Services, Inc., Registered	Brooklyn, NY 11238
Agent c/o BODUM® USA, Inc.	
10 Bank St. Ste. 560 White Plains NY 10606	

On August 11, 2017, I also served the following:

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2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

3) Certificate of Merit (Attorney General Copy): Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit (only sent to Attorney General)

4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in sealed envelopes addressed to each of the public prosecutors listed on the attached Service List with physical mailing addresses, and depositing the envelopes in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by First Class Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

by sending portable document format (.pdf) files of the same to the electronic mail addresses to each of the public prosecutors identified by the California Attorney General as having authorized electronic service of notices. These public enforcement agencies appear on the attached Service List with their electronic mail addresses.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed August 11, 2017, at Santa Cruz, CA.



# Service List - Public Prosecutors

Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney Tehama County
Alameda County	Lassen County	San Benito County 419 4th Street	P.O. Box 519
225 Fallon Street, Room 900	mlatimer@co.lassen.ca.us	Hollister, CA 95023	Red Bluff, CA 96080
Pakland, CA 94612	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
ffice of the District Attorney	Los Angeles County	San Bernardino County	Trinity County
Ipine County	211 W. Temple Street, Suite 1200	303 W. Third Street	P.O. Box 310
.O. Box 248 farkleeville, CA 96120	Los Angeles, CA 90012	San Bernardino, CA 92415	Weaverville, CA 96093
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
amador County	Madera County	San Diego County	Tulare County
08 Court Street. #202	209 West Yosemite Avenue	330 W. Broadway, Suite 1300	Prop65@co.tulare.ca.us
ackson, CA 95642	Madera, CA 93637	San Diego, CA 92101	
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Butte County	Marin County	San Francisco County	Tuolumne County
25 County Center Drive	3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 130	gregory.alker@sfgov.org	423 N. Washington Street
Droville, CA 95965	San Rafael, CA 94903		Sonora, CA 95370
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Calaveras County	Mariposa County	San Joaquin County	Ventura County
391 Mountain Ranch Road	P.O. Box 730	DAConsumer.Environmental@sjcda.org	daspecialops@ventura.org
San Andreas, CA 95249	Mariposa, CA 95338		om sil Birin An-
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Colusa County	Mendocino County	San Luis Obispo County	Yolo County cfepd@yolocounty.org
346 5th Street, Suite 101	P.O. Box 1000	edobroth@co.slo.ca.us	ciepa@yotocounty.org
Colusa, CA 95932	Ukiah, CA 95482	Office of the Director Announce	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Yuba County
Contra Costa County	Merced County	San Mateo County 400 County Center, Third Floor	215 Fifth Street, Suite 152
sgrassini@contracostada.org	550 West Main Street	Redwood City, CA 94063	Marysville, CA 95901
	Merced, CA 95340	Office of the District Attorney	Oakland City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Santa Barbara County	City Hall, 6th Floor
Del Norte County	Modoc County 204 S. Court Street Room 202	1112 Santa Barbara Street	1 Frank Ogawa Plaza
450 H Street, Room 171	Alturas, CA 96101	Santa Barbara, CA 93101	Oakland, California 94612
Crescent City, CA 95531	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Mono County	Santa Clara County	City of San Francisco
El Dorado County	P.O. Box 617	EPU@da.sccgov.org	City Hall, Room 234
515 Main Street	Bridgeport, CA 93517	2. 2. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3.	1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.
Placerville, CA 95667	Bridgeport, Ort 75517		San Francisco, CA 94102
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Fresno County	Monterey County	Santa Cruz County	City of Sacramento
2220 Tulare Street, Suite 1000	Prop65DA@co.monterey.ca.us	701 Ocean Street, Room 200	915 I Street, 4th Floor
Fresno, CA 93721		Santa Cruz, CA 95060	Sacramento, CA 95814
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Glenn County	Napa County	Shasta County	City of San Jose 200 E. Santa Clara St.
P.O. Box 430	CEPD@countyofnapa.org	1355 West Street	
Willows, CA 95988		Redding, CA 96001	San Jose, CA 95113 Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	City of Los Angeles
Humboldt County	Nevada County	Sierra County	200 N. Main Street, Suite 800
825 5th Street, 4th Floor	201 Commercial Street	P.O. Box 457 Downieville, CA 95936	Los Angeles, CA 90012
Eureka, CA 95501	Nevada City, CA 95959	DOWNIEVING, CA 93930	20371180100, 07170012
	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Siskiyou County	City of San Diego
Imperial County	Orange County 401 Civic Center Drive West	P.O. Box 986	1200 Third Ave., Suite 1620
940 West Main Street, Suite 102 El Centro, CA 92243	Santa Ana, CA 92701	Yreka, CA 96097	San Diego, CA 92101
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Proposition 65 Enforcement
Inyo County	Placer County	Solano County	Reporting
P.O. Box D	10810 Justice Center Drive	675 Texas Street, Suite 4500	Attn: Prop 65 Coordinator
Independence, CA 93526	Roseville, CA 95678	Fairfield, CA 94533	1515 Clay Street
			P.O. Box 70550
			Oakland, CA 94612
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	i
Kern County	Plumas County	Sonoma County	
1215 Truxtun Avenue	520 Main Street, Room 404	jbarnes@sonoma-county.org	İ
Bakersfield, CA 93301	Quincy, CA 95971	LOSS - SAL- Birdin Am	
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	1
Kings County	Riverside County	Stanislaus County 832 12th Street, Suite 300	
1400 West Lacey Blvd.	Prop65@rivcoda.org	Modesto, CA 95354	1
Hanford, CA 93230	Office of the District Assessment	Office of the District Attorney	
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Sutter County	
Lake County	Sacramento County Prop65@sacda.org	446 Second Street, Suite 102	
255 N. Forbes Street			



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AUGUST 11, 2017

#### NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT

Soleiman Gabbay, CEO Gibson Overseas, Inc. 2410 Yates Ave Commerce, CA 90040-1918 Wayfair LLC
President or CEO
c/o Incorporating Services, LTD.
4 Copley Place, 7th floor
Boston, MA 02116

AND THE PUBLIC PROSECUTORS LISTED ON THE DISTRIBUTION LIST ACCOMPANYING THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Violations of Proposition 65 Concerning Carbon Monoxide Exposures from Charcoal Grills

In accord with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, Ecological Rights Foundation ("ERF") hereby gives you notice that the above company has violated and is in ongoing violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, which provides that "[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individual."

Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, ERF intends to bring an enforcement action 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify the violations discussed in this notice letter. The public enforcement agencies that have been served with copies of this notice of violations are identified in the attached Certificate of Service.

This Notice of Violations ("Notice") is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). Attached for your reference is a summary, "Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary" prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"). Pursuant to Title 11, C.C.R. § 3100, a Certificate of Merit is also attached.

The above-referenced violations occur when California residents use charcoal barbeque grills. These products are used primarily for cooking. Combustion of charcoal produces and exposes people to **carbon monoxide**, a chemical known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity. Because the combustion of charcoal causes carbon monoxide to be released into the air, people using charcoal grills, and others standing near the products when charcoal is burning in or on the products, inhale carbon monoxide. Exposure to carbon monoxide is via the inhalation route.

Below is a non-exclusive list of examples of these types of products. Though specific models or

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SKU or product numbers are given as examples, this Notice pertains to all models, and all variations, of the specific type of product of which the named model is an example.

# Gibson Home Baseball BBQ UPC# 085081303714

This non-exclusive list of examples of the type of products that are subject to this Notice is for the recipient's benefit and is not meant to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product. It is ERF's position that the alleged Violator is obligated to conduct a good faith investigation into other specific products within the identified category or type that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold, shipped, stored (or otherwise within the notice recipient's custody or control) during the past three years, to ensure that clear and reasonable warnings are provided to California citizens prior to purchase, or retroactively if necessary.

These products cause carbon monoxide exposures to occur in people's yards and everywhere else throughout California where these products are used. These violations are alleged for consumer and environmental exposures.

The noticed party did not and does not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before they expose them in California to carbon monoxide. The above-referenced violations have occurred every day since at least August 11, 2014 and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are given.

ERF is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to protecting human and environmental health, including raising awareness of, and reducing exposures to, toxic chemicals. The following individual is the responsible individual within ERF for purposes of this Notice:

James Lamport, Executive Director **Ecological Rights Foundation** 867 B Redwood Drive Garberville, California 95542 Telephone: (707) 923-4372

ERF has retained the following counsel to represent them in this matter (please direct communications to counsel):

Fredric Evenson **Ecology Law Center** P.O. Box 1000 Santa Cruz, California 95061 Telephone: (831) 454-8216

Email: evenson@ecologylaw.com

## Resolution of Noticed Claims:

ERF is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that advances the public interest without engaging in costly and protracted litigation. ERF is willing to settle this matter to the extent legally possible prior to the commencement of any enforcement action. Settlement terms would require that the unwarned exposures described in this Notice of Violation be stopped. That would require at least the following: 1) a potential recall of products already sold; 2) that either warnings be given to all future purchasers in California of the products subject to this Notice, that the products be reformulated to eliminate the exposures described in the Notice,

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Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under Proposition 65. Businesses that produce, use, release or otherwise engage in activities involving listed chemicals must comply with the following:

Clear and reasonable warnings. A business is required to warn a person before "knowingly and intentionally" exposing that person to a listed chemical unless an exemption applies. The warning given must be "clear and reasonable." This means that the warning must: (1) clearly say that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm; and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed to that chemical. Some exposures are exempt from the warning requirement under certain circumstances discussed below. Prohibition from discharges into drinking water. A business must not knowingly discharge or release a listed chemical into water or onto land where it passes or probably will pass into a source of drinking water. Some discharges are exempt from this requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Yes. You should consult the current version of the statute and regulations (http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html) to determine all applicable exemptions, the most common of which are the following:

Grace Periods. Proposition 65 warning requirements do not apply until 12 months after the chemical has been listed. The Proposition 65 discharge prohibition does not apply to a discharge or release of a chemical that takes place less than 20 months after the listing of the chemical.

Governmental agencies and public water utilities. All agencies of the federal, state or local government, as well as entities operating public water vertexes, are exempt

Businesses with nine or fewer employees. Neither the warning requirement nor the discharge prohibition applies to a business that employe a total of nine or fewer employees. This includes all employees, not just those present in California.

Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses "no significant risk." This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific "No Significant Risk Levels" (NSRLs) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OEHHA's website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of NSRLs, and Section 25701 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question. For chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the "no observable effect level" divided by 1,000. This number is known as the Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL). See OEHHA's website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of MADLs, and Section 25801 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures to Naturally Occurring Chemicals in Food. Certain exposures to chemicals that naturally occur in foods (i.e., that do not result from any known human activity, including activity by someone other than the person causing the exposure) are exempt from the warning requirements of the law. If the chemical is a contaminant' it must be reduced to the lowest level feasible. Regulations explaining this exemption can be found in Section 25501.

Discharges that do not result in a "significant amount" of the listed chemical entering any source of drinking water. The prohibition from discharges into drinking water does not apply if the discharger is able to demonstrate that a "significant amount" of the listed chemical has not, does not, or will not pass into or probably pass into a source of drinking water, and that the discharge complies with all other applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements, or orders. A "significant amount" means any detectable amount, except an amount that would meet the "no significant risk" level for chemicals that cause cancer or that is 1,000 times below the "no observable effect" level for chemicals that cause reproductive toxicity, if an individual were exposed to that amount in drinking water.

HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys. Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. The notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in Section 25903 of Title 27 and sections 3100-3103 of Title 11. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if

one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an enforcement action within sixty days of the notice.

A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court to stop committing the violation.

A private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. For the following types of exposures, the Act provides an opportunity for the business to correct the alleged violation:

· An exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law;

- An exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarily intended for immediate consumption on- or off- premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;
- An exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;

• An exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

If a private party alleges that a violation occurred based on one of the exposures described above, the private party must first provide the alleged violator a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form.

A private party may not file an action against the alleged violator for these exposures, or recover in a settlement any payment in lieu of penalties any reimbursement for costs and attorney's fees, if the notice was served on or after October 5, 2013, and the alleged violator has done all of the following within 14 days of being served notice:

- · Corrected the alleged violation;
- Agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 (subject to change as noted below) to the private party within 30 days; and
- Notified the private party serving the notice in writing that the violation has been corrected.

The written notification to the private-party must include a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form completed by the alleged violator as directed in the notice. On April 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter, the dollar amount of the civil penalty will be adjusted by the Judicial Council based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index. The Judicial Council will publish the dollar amount of the adjusted civil penalty at each five-year interval, together with the date of the next scheduled adjustment.

An alleged violator may satisfy these conditions only one time for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility or on the same premises. The satisfaction of these conditions does not prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney of a city of greater than 750,000 population, or any full-time city prosecutor with the consent of the district attorney, from filing an enforcement action against an alleged violator. The amount of any civil penalty for a violation shall be reduced to reflect any payment made by the alleged violator for the same alleged violation to a private-party. A copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included with this notice and can be downloaded from OEHHA's website at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65/aw72003.html. The notice is reproduced here:

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Date:

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address:

Phone number:

#### SPECIAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE PROOF OF COMPLIANCE

You are receiving this form because the Noticing Party listed above has alleged that you are violating California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 (Prop. 65).

The Noticing Party may not bring any legal proceedings against you for the alleged violation checked below if:

- 1. You have actually taken the corrective steps that you have certified in this form
- 2. The Noticing Party has received this form at the address shown above, accurately completed by you, postmarked within 14 days of your receiving
- 3. The Noticing Party receives the required \$500 penalty payment from you at the address shown above postmarked within 30 days of your receiving this notice.
- 4. This is the first time you have submitted a Proof of Compliance for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility on the same premises.

# PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOTICING PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR THE NOTICING PARTY

The alleged violation is for an exposure to: (check one)

Alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent on-site consumption is permitted by law.

A chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises for immediate consumption on or off premises to the extent: (1) the chemical was not intentionally added; and (2) the chemical was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination.

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Chemicals known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking noncommercial vehicles.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- 1. You have no potential liability under California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 if your business has nine (9) or fewer employees.
- 2. Using this form will NOT prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney, or a prosecutor in whose jurisdiction the violation is alleged to have occurred from filing an action over the same alleged violations, and that in any such action, the amount of civil penalty shall be reduced to reflect any payment made at this time.

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Date:

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address:

Phone number:

# PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

#### Certification of Compliance

Accurate completion of this form will demonstrate that you are now in compliance with California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 for the alleged violation listed above. You must complete and submit the form below to the Noticing Party at the address shown above, postmarked within 14 days of you receiving

this notice.  I hereby agree to pay, within 30 days of completion of this notice, a civil penalty of \$500 to the Noticing Party only and certify that I have complied with Health and Safety Code §25249.6 by (check only one of the following):
Posting a warning or warnings about the alleged exposure that complies with the law, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately showing its placement on my premises;
Posting the warning or warnings demanded in writing by the Noticing Party, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately its placement on my premises; OR
Eliminating the alleged exposure, and attaching a statement accurately describing how the alleged exposure has been eliminated.
Certification  My statements on this form, and on any attachments to it, are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith I have carefully read the instructions to complete this form. I understand that if I make a false statement on this form, I may be subject to additional penalties under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).
Signature of alleged violator or authorized representative Date
Name and title of signatory

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS. . .

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov.

# Certificate of Merit Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Fredric Evenson, hereby declare:

- (1) This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
- (2) I am the attorney for the noticing party.
- (3) I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.
- (4) Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all 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 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) The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 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.

Date: August 11, 2017

By:

Fredric Evenson

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am a California resident, over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. My business address is P.O. Box 1000, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

On August 11, 2017, I served the following:

1) Notice of Violations: California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

3) Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary

4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in a sealed envelope addressed to each person shown below and depositing the envelope in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

Soleiman Gabbay, CEO Gibson Overseas, Inc. 2410 Yates Ave Commerce, CA 90040-1918	Wayfair LLC President or CEO c/o Incorporating Services, LTD. 4 Copley Place, 7th floor
Commerce, CA 90040-1918	Boston, MA 02116

On August 11, 2017, I also served the following:

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2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

3) Certificate of Merit (Attorney General Copy): Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit (only sent to Attorney General)

4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in sealed envelopes addressed to each of the public prosecutors listed on the attached Service List with physical mailing addresses, and depositing the envelopes in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by First Class Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

by sending portable document format (.pdf) files of the same to the electronic mail addresses to each of the public prosecutors identified by the California Attorney General as having authorized electronic service of notices. These public enforcement agencies appear on the attached Service List with their electronic mail addresses.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed August 11, 2017, at Santa Cruz, CA.

Yair Chaver

### Service List - Public Prosecutors

Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney Tehama County
lameda County	Lassen County	San Benito County	P.O. Box 519
225 Fallon Street, Room 900	mlatimer@co.lassen.ca.us	419 4th Street	Red Bluff, CA 96080
akland, CA 94612		Hollister, CA 95023 Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
ffice of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	San Bernardino County	Trinity County
Ipine County	Los Angeles County 211 W. Temple Street, Suite 1200	303 W. Third Street	P.O. Box 310
O. Box 248	Los Angeles, CA 90012	San Bernardino, CA 92415	Weaverville, CA 96093
larkleeville, CA 96120	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
ffice of the District Attorney mador County	Madera County	San Diego County	Tulare County
08 Court Street, #202	209 West Yosemite Avenue	330 W. Broadway, Suite 1300	Prop65@co.tulare.ca.us
ickson, CA 95642	Madera, CA 93637	San Diego, CA 92101	
ffice of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
utte County	Marin County	San Francisco County	Tuolumne County
5 County Center Drive	3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 130	gregory.alker@sfgov.org	423 N. Washington Street
roville, CA 95965	San Rafael, CA 94903		Sonora, CA 95370 Office of the District Attorney
ffice of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Ventura County
alaveras County	Mariposa County	San Joaquin County	daspecialops@ventura.org
91 Mountain Ranch Road	P.O. Box 730	DAConsumer.Environmental@sjcda.org	desperimental containing
an Andreas, CA 95249	Mariposa, CA 95338	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
ffice of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	San Luis Obispo County	Yolo County
olusa County	Mendocino County	edobroth@co.slo.ca.us	cfepd@yolocounty.org
46 5th Street, Suite 101	P.O. Box 1000 Ukiah, CA 95482	- Caobiodimeo.sio.ca.us	
olusa, CA 95932	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Merced County	San Mateo County	Yuba County
Contra Costa County	550 West Main Street	400 County Center, Third Floor	215 Fifth Street, Suite 152
grassini@contracostada.org	Merced, CA 95340	Redwood City, CA 94063	Marysville, CA 95901
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Oakland City Attorney
Del Norte County	Modoc County	Santa Barbara County	City Hall, 6th Floor
50 H Street, Room 171	204 S. Court Street Room 202	1112 Santa Barbara Street	1 Frank Ogawa Plaza
Crescent City, CA 95531	Alturas, CA 96101	Santa Barbara, CA 93101	Oakland, California 94612
	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney City of San Francisco
Office of the District Attorney  El Dorado County	Mono County	Santa Clara County	City of San Francisco City Hall, Room 234
515 Main Street	P.O. Box 617	EPU@da.sccgov.org	1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.
Placerville, CA 95667	Bridgeport, CA 93517	1	San Francisco, CA 94102
	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney Monterey County	Santa Cruz County	City of Sacramento
Fresno County 2220 Tulare Street, Suite 1000	Prop65DA@co.monterey.ca.us	701 Ocean Street, Room 200	915 I Street, 4th Floor
Fresno, CA 93721	1 toposs imonitoroy.va.us	Santa Cruz, CA 95060	Sacramento, CA 95814
Office of the District Attorney	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Glenn County	Office of the District Attorney	Shasta County	City of San Jose
P.O. Box 430	Napa County CEPD@countyofnapa.org	1355 West Street	200 E. Santa Clara St.
Willows, CA 95988		Redding, CA 96001	San Jose, CA 95113
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney City of Los Angeles
Humboldt County	Nevada County	Sierra County	200 N. Main Street, Suite 800
Rumbolat County 825 5th Street, 4th Floor	201 Commercial Street	P.O. Box 457	Los Angeles, CA 90012
Eureka, CA 95501	Nevada City, CA 95959	Downieville, CA 95936	Los / Ligorou, C/1 / Volume
	Office of the District Amount	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Siskiyou County	City of San Diego
Imperial County 940 West Main Street, Suite 102	Orange County 401 Civic Center Drive West	P.O. Box 986	1200 Third Ave., Suite 1620
El Centro, CA 92243	Santa Ana. CA 92701	Yreka, CA 96097	San Diego, CA 92101
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Proposition 65 Enforcement
Inyo County	Placer County	Solano County	Reporting
P.O. Box D	10810 Justice Center Drive	675 Texas Street, Suite 4500	Attn: Prop 65 Coordinator
Independence, CA 93526	Roseville, CA 95678	Fairfield, CA 94533	1515 Clay Street P.O. Box 70550
			Oakland, CA 94612
	000 64 8	Office of the District Attorney	Junior, UL /TV12
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Sonoma County	1
Kern County	Plumas County 520 Main Street, Room 404	ibarnes@sonoma-county.org	
1215 Truxtun Avenue	Quincy, CA 95971	Jamina (1970)	
Bakersfield, CA 93301	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	
Office of the District Attorney	Riverside County	Stanislaus County	i
Kings County 1400 West Lacey Blvd.	Prop65@rivcoda.org	832 12th Street, Suite 300	
Hanford, CA 93230		Modesto, CA 95354	
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	}
Lake County	Sacramento County	Sutter County	
255 N. Forbes Street	Prop65@sacda.org	446 Second Street, Suite 102	
Lakeport, CA 95453		Yuba City, CA 95991	•

### **ECOLOGY LAW CENTER**

P.O. Box 1000 Santa Cruz, California 95061 Telephone: (831) 454-8216 EMAIL: EVENSON@ECOLOGYLAW.COM

SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

### NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT

President or CEO
Kay Park-Rec Corporation
Keith Borglum, Registered Agent
218 Loma St.
Janesville, IA 50647-0477
Waterloo, IA 50701

## AND THE PUBLIC PROSECUTORS LISTED ON THE DISTRIBUTION LIST ACCOMPANYING THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Violations of Proposition 65 Concerning Carbon Monoxide Exposures from Charcoal Grills

In accord with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, Ecological Rights Foundation ("ERF") hereby gives you notice that the above company has violated and is in ongoing violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, which provides that "[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individual."

Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, ERF intends to bring an enforcement action 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify the violations discussed in this notice letter. The public enforcement agencies that have been served with copies of this notice of violations are identified in the attached Certificate of Service.

This Notice of Violations ("Notice") is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). Attached for your reference is a summary, "Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary" prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"). Pursuant to Title 11, C.C.R. § 3100, a Certificate of Merit is also attached.

The above-referenced violations occur when California residents use charcoal grills. These products are used primarily for cooking. Combustion of charcoal produces and exposes people to **carbon monoxide**, a chemical known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity. Because the combustion of charcoal causes carbon monoxide to be released into the air, people using charcoal grills, and others standing near the products when charcoal is burning in or on the products, inhale carbon monoxide. Exposure to carbon monoxide is via the inhalation route.

Below is a non-exclusive list of examples of these types of products. Though specific models or SKU or product numbers are given as examples, this Notice pertains to all models, and all variations, of the specific type of product of which the named model is an example.

### Pedestal Grill & Adj. Grate Model # SB16

This non-exclusive list of examples of the type of products that are subject to this Notice is for the recipient's benefit and is not meant to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product. It is ERF's position that the alleged Violator is obligated to conduct a good faith investigation into other specific products within the identified category or type that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold, shipped, stored (or otherwise within the notice recipient's custody or control) during the past three years, to ensure that clear and reasonable warnings are provided to California citizens prior to purchase, or retroactively if necessary.

These products cause carbon monoxide exposures to occur in people's yards and everywhere else throughout California where these products are used. These violations are alleged for consumer and environmental exposures.

The noticed party did not and does not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before they expose them in California to carbon monoxide. The above-referenced violations have occurred every day since at least September 1, 2014 and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are given.

ERF is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to protecting human and environmental health, including raising awareness of, and reducing exposures to, toxic chemicals. The following individual is the responsible individual within ERF for purposes of this Notice:

James Lamport, Executive Director Ecological Rights Foundation 867 B Redwood Drive Garberville, California 95542 Telephone: (707) 923-4372

ERF has retained the following counsel to represent them in this matter (please direct communications to counsel):

Fredric Evenson
Ecology Law Center
P.O. Box 1000
Santa Cruz, California 95061
Telephone: (831) 454-8216
Email: evenson@ecologylaw.com

### Resolution of Noticed Claims:

ERF is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that advances the public interest without engaging in costly and protracted litigation. ERF is willing to settle this matter to the extent legally possible prior to the commencement of any enforcement action. Settlement terms would require that the unwarned exposures described in this Notice of Violation be stopped. That would require at least the following: 1) a potential recall of products already sold; 2) that either warnings be given to all future purchasers in California of the products subject to this Notice, that the products be reformulated to eliminate the exposures described in the Notice, or that you stop marketing, distributing or selling the products in California; 3) that you locate and provide a warning compliant with 27 Cal. Code Regs Section 25601 to each person who has

been subject to the unwarned exposures described in the Notice to the extent those exposures are caused by products that were sold in California during the past three years; and 4) that you pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249(b). It should be noted that ERF cannot finalize any settlement of this matter until 70 days have elapsed since the sending of the Notice and unless no public enforcer has begun an enforcement action concerning the violations described in the Notice. Any settlement on behalf of the public interest must be approved by the California Superior Court on noticed motion with 45 days' notice to the California Attorney General. The Attorney General may appear at any approval hearing and oppose a settlement if he or she believes the proposed settlement is not in the public interest. If you wish to discuss settlement of this matter before ERF files suit, please promptly contact ERF's counsel.

Sincerely,



#### OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

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Clear and reasonable warnings. A business is required to warn a person before "knowingly and intentionally" exposing that person to a listed chemical unless an exemption applies. The warning given must be "clear and reasonable." This means that the warning must: (1) clearly say that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm; and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed to that chemical. Some exposures are exempt from the warning requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

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DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Yes. You should consult the current version of the statute and regulations (http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html) to determine all applicable exemptions, the most common of which are the following:

Grace Periods. Proposition 65 warning requirements do not apply until 12 months after the chemical has been listed. The Proposition 65 discharge prohibition does not apply to a discharge or release of a chemical that takes place less than 20 months after the listing of the chemical.

Governmental agencies and public water utilities. All agencies of the federal, state or local government, as well as entities operating public water utilities.

Businesses with nine or fewer employees. Neither the warning requirement nor the discharge prohibition applies to a business that employe a total of nine or fewer employees. This includes all employees, not just those present in California.

Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses "no significant risk." This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific "No Significant Risk Levels" (NSRLs) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OEHHA's website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of NSRLs, and Section 25701 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question. For chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the "no observable effect level" divided by 1,000. This number is known as the Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL). See OEHHA's website at: http://www.ochha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of MADLs, and Section 25801 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures to Naturally Occurring Chemicals in Food. Certain exposures to chemicals that naturally occur in foods (i.e., that do not result from any known human activity, including activity by someone other than the person causing the exposure) are exempt from the warning requirements of the law. If the chemical is a contaminant it must be reduced to the lowest level feasible. Regulations explaining this exemption can be found in Section 25501.

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HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys. Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. The notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in Section 25903 of Title 27 and sections 3100-3103 of Title 11. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if

one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an enforcement action within sixty days of the notice.

A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court to stop committing the violation.

A private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. For the following types of exposures, the Act provides an opportunity for the business to correct the alleged violation:

• An exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law;

- An exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarily intended for immediate consumption on- or off- premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;
- An exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;
- An exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

If a private party alleges that a violation occurred based on one of the exposures described above, the private party must first provide the alleged violator a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form.

A private party may not file an action against the alleged violator for these exposures, or recover in a settlement any payment in lieu of penalties any reimbursement for costs and attorney's fees, if the notice was served on or after October 5, 2013, and the alleged violator has done *all* of the following within 14 days of being served notice:

- · Corrected the alleged violation;
- Agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 (subject to change as noted below) to the private party within 30 days; and
- Notified the private party serving the notice in writing that the violation has been corrected.

The written notification to the private-party must include a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form completed by the alleged violator as directed in the notice. On April 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter, the dollar amount of the civil penalty will be adjusted by the Judicial Council based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index. The Judicial Council will publish the dollar amount of the adjusted civil penalty at each five-year interval, together with the date of the next scheduled adjustment.

An alleged violator may satisfy these conditions only one time for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility or on the same premises. The satisfaction of these conditions does not prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney of a city of greater than 750,000 population, or any full-time city prosecutor with the consent of the district attorney, from filing an enforcement action against an alleged violator. The amount of any civil penalty for a violation shall be reduced to reflect any payment made by the alleged violator for the same alleged violation to a private-party.

A copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included with this notice and can be downloaded from OEHHA's

website at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65/aw72003.html. The notice is reproduced here:

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Date:

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address

Phone number:

## SPECIAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE PROOF OF COMPLIANCE

You are receiving this form because the Noticing Party listed above has alleged that you are violating California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 (Prop. 65).

The Noticing Party may not bring any legal proceedings against you for the alleged violation checked below if:

- 1. You have actually taken the corrective steps that you have certified in this form
- 2. The Noticing Party has received this form at the address shown above, accurately completed by you, postmarked within 14 days of your receiving
- 3. The Noticing Party receives the required \$500 penalty payment from you at the address shown above postmarked within 30 days of your receiving
- 4. This is the first time you have submitted a Proof of Compliance for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility on the same premises.

### PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOTICING PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR THE NOTICING PARTY

The alleged violation is for an exposure to: (check one)

Alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent on-site consumption is permitted by law.

A chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises for immediate consumption on or off premises to the extent: (1) the chemical was not intentionally added; and (2) the chemical was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination.

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#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- 1. You have no potential liability under California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 if your business has nine (9) or fewer employees.
- 2. Using this form will NOT prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney, or a prosecutor in whose jurisdiction the violation is alleged to have occurred from filing an action over the same alleged violations, and that in any such action, the amount of civil penalty shall be reduced to reflect any payment made at this time.

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Date:

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address:

Phone number:

### PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

#### Certification of Compliance

Accurate completion of this form will demonstrate that you are now in compliance with <u>California Health and Safety Code §25249.6</u> for the alleged violation listed above. You must complete and submit the form below to the Noticing Party at the address shown above, postmarked within 14 days of you receiving

this notice.  I hereby agree to pay, within 30 days of completion of this notice, a civil penalty of \$500 to the Noticing Party only and certify that I have complied with Health and Safety Code §25249.6 by (check only one of the following):
Posting a warning or warnings about the alleged exposure that complies with the law, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately showing its placement on my premises;
Posting the warning or warnings demanded in writing by the Noticing Party, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately its placement on my premises; OR
Eliminating the alleged exposure, and attaching a statement accurately describing how the alleged exposure has been eliminated.
Certification  My statements on this form, and on any attachments to it, are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I have carefully read the instructions to complete this form. I understand that if I make a false statement on this form, I may be subject to additional penalties under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).
Signature of alleged violator or authorized representative Date
Name and title of signatory

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS. . .

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov.

## Certificate of Merit Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Fredric Evenson, hereby declare:

- (1) This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
- (2) I am the attorney for the noticing party.
- (3) I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.
- (4) Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all 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 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) The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 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.

Date: September 1, 2017

By:

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am a California resident, over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. My business address is P.O. Box 1000, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

On September 1, 2017, I served the following:

1) Notice of Violations: California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

3) Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary

4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in a sealed envelope addressed to each person shown below and depositing the envelope in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

President or CEO Kay Park-Rec Corporation 1301 Pine Street	Kay Park-Rec Corporation Keith Borglum, Registered Agent 218 Loma St.
Janesville, IA 50647-0477	Waterloo, IA 50701

On September 1, 2017, I also served the following:

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2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

3) Certificate of Merit (Attorney General Copy): Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit (only sent to Attorney General)

4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in sealed envelopes addressed to each of the public prosecutors listed on the attached Service List with physical mailing addresses, and depositing the envelopes in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by First Class Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

by sending portable document format (.pdf) files of the same to the electronic mail addresses to each of the public prosecutors identified by the California Attorney General as having authorized electronic service of notices. These public enforcement agencies appear on the attached Service List with their electronic mail addresses.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed September 1, 2017, at Santa Cruz, CA.

Yair Chaver

### Service List - Public Prosecutors

Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney Tehama County
Alameda County	Lassen County	San Benito County 419 4th Street	P.O. Box 519
225 Fallon Street, Room 900	mlatimer@co.lassen.ca.us	Hollister, CA 95023	Red Bluff, CA 96080
Dakland, CA 94612	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Los Angeles County	San Bernardino County	Trinity County
Alpine County P.O. Box 248	211 W. Temple Street, Suite 1200	303 W. Third Street	P.O. Box 310
Markleeville, CA 96120	Los Angeles, CA 90012	San Bernardino, CA 92415	Weaverville, CA 96093
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Amador County	Madera County	San Diego County	Tulare County
708 Court Street, #202	209 West Yosemite Avenue	330 W. Broadway, Suite 1300	Prop65@co.tulare.ca.us
ackson, CA 95642	Madera, CA 93637	San Diego, CA 92101	Off St. Disting Amount
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney Tuolumne County
Butte County	Marin County	San Francisco County	423 N. Washington Street
25 County Center Drive	3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 130	gregory.alker@sfgov.org	Sonora, CA 95370
Oroville, CA 95965	San Rafael, CA 94903	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	San Joaquin County	Ventura County
Calaveras County	Mariposa County	DAConsumer.Environmental@sjcda.org	daspecialops@ventura.org
91 Mountain Ranch Road	P.O. Box 730 Mariposa, CA 95338	DASONISMINOLEN A COMMONISMOS STATES	
San Andreas, CA 95249	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Mendocino County	San Luis Obispo County	Yolo County
Colusa County 346 5th Street, Suite 101	P.O. Box 1000	edobroth@co.slo.ca.us	cfepd@yolocounty.org
Colusa, CA 95932	Ukiah, CA 95482		
	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Merced County	San Mateo County	Yuba County
Contra Costa County	550 West Main Street	400 County Center, Third Floor	215 Fifth Street, Suite 152
sgrassini@contracostada.org	Merced, CA 95340	Redwood City, CA 94063	Marysville, CA 95901
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Oakland City Attorney
Del Norte County	Modoc County	Santa Barbara County	City Hall, 6th Floor
450 H Street, Room 171	204 S. Court Street Room 202	1112 Santa Barbara Street	1 Frank Ogawa Plaza Oakland, California 94612
Crescent City, CA 95531	Alturas, CA 96101	Santa Barbara, CA 93101	
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney City of San Francisco
El Dorado County	Mono County	Santa Clara County	City Hall, Room 234
515 Main Street	P.O. Box 617	EPU@da.sccgov.org	1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.
Placerville, CA 95667	Bridgeport, CA 93517		San Francisco, CA 94102
	CONT. Cit. Discission	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Santa Cruz County	City of Sacramento
Fresno County	Monterey County Prop65DA@co.monterey.ca.us	701 Ocean Street, Room 200	915 I Street, 4th Floor
2220 Tulare Street, Suite 1000	F10p03DA@co.moncrey.ca.ca	Santa Cruz, CA 95060	Sacramento, CA 95814
Fresno, CA 93721 Office of the District Attorney		Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Glenn County	Office of the District Attorney	Shasta County	City of San Jose
P.O. Box 430	Napa County	1355 West Street	200 E. Santa Clara St.
Willows, CA 95988	CEPD@countyofnapa.org	Redding, CA 96001	San Jose, CA 95113
	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Nevada County	Sierra County	City of Los Angeles
Humboldt County	201 Commercial Street	P.O. Box 457	200 N. Main Street, Suite 800
825 5th Street, 4th Floor	Nevada City, CA 95959	Downieville, CA 95936	Los Angeles, CA 90012
Eureka, CA 95501		000 01-01-01	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	City of San Diego
Imperial County	Orange County	Siskiyou County P.O. Box 986	1200 Third Ave., Suite 1620
940 West Main Street, Suite 102	401 Civic Center Drive West	Yreka, CA 96097	San Diego, CA 92101
El Centro, CA 92243	Santa Ana, CA 92701 Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Proposition 65 Enforcement
Office of the District Attorney		Solano County	Reporting
Inyo County	Placer County 10810 Justice Center Drive	675 Texas Street, Suite 4500	Attn: Prop 65 Coordinator
P.O. Box D Independence, CA 93526	Roseville, CA 95678	Fairfield, CA 94533	1515 Clay Street
macpenachoe, CA 93320	1200011110, 01177013	i i	P.O. Box 70550
			Oakland, CA 94612
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	
Kern County	Plumas County	Sonoma County	
1215 Truxtun Avenue	520 Main Street, Room 404	jbarnes@sonoma-county.org	
Bakersfield, CA 93301	Quincy, CA 95971		
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	1
Kings County	Riverside County	Stanislaus County	
1400 West Lacey Blvd.	Prop65@rivcoda.org	832 12th Street, Suite 300	
Hanford, CA 93230		Modesto, CA 95354	+
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	
Lake County	Sacramento County	Sutter County 446 Second Street, Suite 102	
255 N. Forbes Street Lakeport, CA 95453	Prop65@sacda.org	Yuba City, CA 95991	
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### **ECOLOGY LAW CENTER**

P.O. Box 1000
SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA 95061
TELEPHONE: (831) 454-8216
EMAIL: EVENSON@ECOLOGYLAW.COM

AUGUST 11, 2017

### NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT

Harrell Ward, President	
Meco Corporation	
1500 Industrial Rd	
Greeneville, TN 37745-3541	

# AND THE PUBLIC PROSECUTORS LISTED ON THE DISTRIBUTION LIST ACCOMPANYING THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Violations of Proposition 65 Concerning Carbon Monoxide Exposures from Charcoal Grills

In accord with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, Ecological Rights Foundation ("ERF") hereby gives you notice that the above company has violated and is in ongoing violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, which provides that "[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individual."

Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, ERF intends to bring an enforcement action 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify the violations discussed in this notice letter. The public enforcement agencies that have been served with copies of this notice of violations are identified in the attached Certificate of Service.

This Notice of Violations ("Notice") is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). Attached for your reference is a summary, "Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary" prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"). Pursuant to Title 11, C.C.R. § 3100, a Certificate of Merit is also attached.

The above-referenced violations occur when California residents use charcoal grills. These products are used primarily for cooking with charcoal fuel. Combustion of charcoal produces and exposes people to **carbon monoxide**, a chemical known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity. Because the combustion of charcoal causes carbon monoxide to be released into the air, people using charcoal grills, and others standing near the products when charcoal is burning in or on the products, inhale carbon monoxide. Exposure to carbon monoxide is via the inhalation route.

Below is a non-exclusive list of examples of these types of products. Though specific models or SKU or product numbers are given as examples, this Notice pertains to all models, and all

variations, of the specific type of product of which the named model is an example.

### Tailgate Grill Model 2000

This non-exclusive list of examples of the type of products that are subject to this Notice is for the recipient's benefit and is not meant to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product. It is ERF's position that the alleged Violator is obligated to conduct a good faith investigation into other specific products within the identified category or type that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold, shipped, stored (or otherwise within the notice recipient's custody or control) during the past three years, to ensure that clear and reasonable warnings are provided to California citizens prior to purchase, or retroactively if necessary.

These products cause carbon monoxide exposures to occur in people's yards and everywhere else throughout California where these products are used. These violations are alleged for consumer and environmental exposures.

The noticed party did not and does not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before they expose them in California to carbon monoxide. The above-referenced violations have occurred every day since at least August 11, 2014 and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are given.

ERF is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to protecting human and environmental health, including raising awareness of, and reducing exposures to, toxic chemicals. The following individual is the responsible individual within ERF for purposes of this Notice:

James Lamport, Executive Director **Ecological Rights Foundation** 867 B Redwood Drive Garberville, California 95542 Telephone: (707) 923-4372

ERF has retained the following counsel to represent them in this matter (please direct communications to counsel):

Fredric Evenson **Ecology Law Center** P.O. Box 1000 Santa Cruz, California 95061 Telephone: (831) 454-8216 Email: evenson@ecologylaw.com

### Resolution of Noticed Claims:

ERF is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that advances the public interest without engaging in costly and protracted litigation. ERF is willing to settle this matter to the extent legally possible prior to the commencement of any enforcement action. Settlement terms would require that the unwarned exposures described in this Notice of Violation be stopped. That would require at least the following: 1) a potential recall of products already sold; 2) that either warnings be given to all future purchasers in California of the products subject to this Notice, that the products be reformulated to eliminate the exposures described in the Notice, or that you stop marketing, distributing or selling the products in California; 3) that you locate

and provide a warning compliant with 27 Cal. Code Regs Section 25601 to each person who has been subject to the unwarned exposures described in the Notice to the extent those exposures are caused by products that were sold in California during the past three years; and 4) that you pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249(b). It should be noted that ERF cannot finalize any settlement of this matter until 70 days have elapsed since the sending of the Notice and unless no public enforcer has begun an enforcement action concerning the violations described in the Notice. Any settlement on behalf of the public interest must be approved by the California Superior Court on noticed motion with 45 days' notice to the California Attorney General. The Attorney General may appear at any approval hearing and oppose a settlement if he or she believes the proposed settlement is not in the public interest. If you wish to discuss settlement of this matter before ERF files suit, please promptly contact ERF's counsel.

Sincerely,



#### OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

The following summary has been prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as "Proposition 65"). A copy of this summary must be included as an attachment to any notice of violation served upon an alleged violator of the Act. The summary provides basic information about the provisions of the law, and is intended to serve only as a convenient source of general information. It is not intended to provide authoritative guidance on the meaning or application of the law. Please refer to the statute and OEHHA's implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information. FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE RELATED TO YOUR BUSINESS, CONTACT THE PERSON IDENTIFIED ON THE NOTICE.

The text of Proposition 65 (Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13) is available online at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65/aw/2003.html. Regulations that provide more specific guidance on compliance, and that specify procedures to be followed by the State in carrying out certain aspects of the law, are found in Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 25102 through 27001.¹ These implementing regulations are available online at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html.

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Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses "no significant risk." This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific "No Significant Risk Levels" (NSRLs) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OEHHA's website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of NSRLs, and Section 25701 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question. For chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the "no observable effect level" divided by 1,000. This number is known as the Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL). See OEHHA's website at: http://www.ochha.ca.gov/prop65/gctNSRLs.html for a list of MADLs, and Section 25801 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures to Naturally Occurring Chemicals in Food. Certain exposures to chemicals that naturally occur in foods (i.e., that do not result from any known human activity, including activity by someone other than the person causing the exposure) are exempt from the warning requirements of the law. If the chemical is a contaminant it must be reduced to the lowest level feasible. Regulations explaining this exemption can be found in Section 25501.

Discharges that do not result in a "significant amount" of the listed chemical entering any source of drinking water. The prohibition from discharges into drinking water does not apply if the discharger is able to demonstrate that a "significant amount" of the listed chemical has not, does not, or will not pass into or probably pass into a source of drinking water, and that the discharge complies with all other applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements, or orders. A "significant amount" means any detectable amount, except an amount that would meet the "no significant risk" level for chemicals that cause cancer or that is 1,000 times below the "no observable effect" level for chemicals that cause reproductive toxicity, if an individual were exposed to that amount in drinking water.

HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys. Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. The notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in Section 25903 of Title 27 and sections 3100-3103 of Title 11. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if

one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an enforcement action within sixty days of the notice. A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penaltics of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court to stop committing the violation.

A private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. For the following types of exposures, the Act provides an opportunity for the business to correct the alleged violation:

• An exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law;

• An exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarily intended for immediate consumption on- or off- premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;

• An exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;

• An exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

If a private party alleges that a violation occurred based on one of the exposures described above, the private party must first provide the alleged violator a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form.

A private party may not file an action against the alleged violator for these exposures, or recover in a settlement any payment in lieu of penalties any reimbursement for costs and attorney's fees, if the notice was served on or after October 5, 2013, and the alleged violator has done all of the following within 14 days of being served notice:

· Corrected the alleged violation;

• Agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 (subject to change as noted below) to the private party within 30 days; and

• Notified the private party serving the notice in writing that the violation has been corrected.

The written notification to the private-party must include a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form completed by the alleged violator as directed in the notice. On April 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter, the dollar amount of the civil penalty will be adjusted by the Judicial Council based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index. The Judicial Council will publish the dollar amount of the adjusted civil penalty at each five-year interval, together with the date of the next scheduled adjustment.

An alleged violator may satisfy these conditions only one time for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility or on the same premises. The satisfaction of these conditions does not prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney of a city of greater than 750,000 population, or any full-time city prosecutor with the consent of the district attorney, from filing an enforcement action against an alleged violator. The amount of any civil penalty for a violation shall be reduced to reflect any payment made by the alleged violator for the same alleged violation to a private-party. A copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included with this notice and can be downloaded from OEHHA's website at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65/aw72003.html. The notice is reproduced here:

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Date:

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address:

Phone number:

#### SPECIAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE PROOF OF COMPLIANCE

You are receiving this form because the Noticing Party listed above has alleged that you are violating California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 (Prop. 65).

The Noticing Party may not bring any legal proceedings against you for the alleged violation checked below if:

1. You have actually taken the corrective steps that you have certified in this form

- 2. The Noticing Party has received this form at the address shown above, accurately completed by you, postmarked within 14 days of your receiving
- 3. The Noticing Party receives the required \$500 penalty payment from you at the address shown above postmarked within 30 days of your receiving this notice.
- 4. This is the first time you have submitted a Proof of Compliance for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility on the same premises.

### PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOTICING PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR THE NOTICING PARTY

The alleged violation is for an exposure to: (check one)

Alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent on-site consumption is permitted by law.

A chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises for immediate consumption on or off premises to the extent: (1) the chemical was not intentionally added; and (2) the chemical was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination.

Environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises.

Chemicals known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking noncommercial vehicles.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

1. You have no potential liability under California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 if your business has nine (9) or fewer employees.

2. Using this form will NOT prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney, or a prosecutor in whose jurisdiction the violation is alleged to have occurred from filing an action over the same alleged violations, and that in any such action, the amount of civil penalty shall be reduced to reflect any payment made at this time.

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Date:

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address:

Phone number:

### PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

#### Certification of Compliance

Accurate completion of this form will demonstrate that you are now in compliance with California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 for the alleged violation listed above. You must complete and submit the form below to the Noticing Party at the address shown above, postmarked within 14 days of you receiving

this notice. I hereby agree to pay, within 30 days of completion of this notice, a civil penalty of \$500 to the Noticing Party only and certify that I have complied with Health and Safety Code \$25249.6 by (check only one of the following):
Posting a warning or warnings about the alleged exposure that complies with the law, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately showing its placement on my premises;
Posting the warning or warnings demanded in writing by the Noticing Party, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately its placemen on my premises; OR
Eliminating the alleged exposure, and attaching a statement accurately describing how the alleged exposure has been eliminated.
Certification  My statements on this form, and on any attachments to it, are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith I have carefully read the instructions to complete this form. I understand that if I make a false statement on this form, I may be subject to additional penaltic under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).
Signature of alleged violator or authorized representative Date
Name and title of signatory

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS. . .

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov.

## Certificate of Merit Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Fredric Evenson, hereby declare:

- (1) This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
- (2) I am the attorney for the noticing party.
- (3) I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.
- (4) Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all 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 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) The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 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.

Date: August 11, 2017

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am a California resident, over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. My business address is P.O. Box 1000, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

On August 11, 2017, I served the following:

1) Notice of Violations: California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

3) Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary

4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in a sealed envelope addressed to each person shown below and depositing the envelope in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

Harrell Ward, President	
Meco Corporation	
1500 Industrial Rd	
Greeneville, TN 37745-3541	

On August 11, 2017, I also served the following:

1) Notice of Violations: California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

3) Certificate of Merit (Attorney General Copy): Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit (only sent to Attorney General)

4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in sealed envelopes addressed to each of the public prosecutors listed on the attached Service List with physical mailing addresses, and depositing the envelopes in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by First Class Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

by sending portable document format (.pdf) files of the same to the electronic mail addresses to each of the public prosecutors identified by the California Attorney General as having authorized electronic service of notices. These public enforcement agencies appear on the attached Service List with their electronic mail addresses.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed August 11, 2017, at Santa Cruz, CA.

Yair Chaver

### Service List - Public Prosecutors

Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney Tehama County
Alameda County	Lassen County	San Benito County 419 4th Street	P.O. Box 519
225 Fallon Street, Room 900	mlatimer@co.lassen.ca.us	Hollister, CA 95023	Red Bluff, CA 96080
)akland, CA 94612	District Amounts	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
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Ipine County	Los Angeles County	303 W. Third Street	P.O. Box 310
P.O. Box 248	211 W. Temple Street, Suite 1200	San Bernardino, CA 92415	Weaverville, CA 96093
Aarkleeville, CA 96120	Los Angeles, CA 90012	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney Madera County	San Diego County	Tulare County
Amador County	209 West Yosemite Avenue	330 W. Broadway, Suite 1300	Prop65@co.tulare.ca.us
08 Court Street, #202	Madera, CA 93637	San Diego, CA 92101	
ackson, CA 95642	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Marin County	San Francisco County	Tuolumne County
Butte County	3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 130	gregory.alker@sfgov.org	423 N. Washington Street
25 County Center Drive	San Rafael, CA 94903		Sonora, CA 95370
Oroville, CA 95965	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Mariposa County	San Joaquin County	Ventura County
Calaveras County 391 Mountain Ranch Road	P.O. Box 730	DAConsumer.Environmental@sjcda.org	daspecialops@ventura.org
	Mariposa, CA 95338		
San Andreas, CA 95249	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Mendocino County	San Luis Obispo County	Yolo County
Colusa County 346 5th Street, Suite 101	P.O. Box 1000	edobroth@co.slo.ca.us	cfepd@yolocounty.org
	Ukiah, CA 95482		
Colusa, CA 95932	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Merced County	San Mateo County	Yuba County
Contra Costa County	550 West Main Street	400 County Center, Third Floor	215 Fifth Street, Suite 152
sgrassini@contracostada.org	Merced, CA 95340	Redwood City, CA 94063	Marysville, CA 95901
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Oakland City Attorney
Del Norte County	Modoc County	Santa Barbara County	City Hall, 6th Floor
450 H Street, Room 171	204 S. Court Street Room 202	1112 Santa Barbara Street	1 Frank Ogawa Plaza
Crescent City, CA 95531	Alturas, CA 96101	Santa Barbara, CA 93101	Oakland, California 94612
	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Mono County	Santa Clara County	City of San Francisco
El Dorado County	P.O. Box 617	EPU@da.sccgov.org	City Hall, Room 234
515 Main Street	Bridgeport, CA 93517		1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.
Placerville, CA 95667			San Francisco, CA 94102
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Fresno County	Monterey County	Santa Cruz County	City of Sacramento
2220 Tulare Street, Suite 1000	Prop65DA@co.monterey.ca.us	701 Ocean Street, Room 200	915 I Street, 4th Floor
Fresno, CA 93721	1	Santa Cruz, CA 95060	Sacramento, CA 95814
Office of the District Attorney	OST - Sale - District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Glenn County	Office of the District Attorney Napa County	Shasta County	City of San Jose
P.O. Box 430	CEPD@countyofnapa.org	1355 West Street	200 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose, CA 95113
Willows, CA 95988		Redding, CA 96001	Office of the City Attorney
	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	
Office of the District Attorney	Nevada County	Sierra County	City of Los Angeles 200 N. Main Street, Suite 800
Humboldt County	201 Commercial Street	P.O. Box 457	Los Angeles, CA 90012
825 5th Street, 4th Floor	Nevada City, CA 95959	Downieville, CA 95936	LUS Aligeies, CA 70012
Eureka, CA 95501		om til Birit	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	City of San Diego
Imperial County	Orange County	Siskiyou County	1200 Third Ave., Suite 1620
940 West Main Street, Suite 102	401 Civic Center Drive West	P.O. Box 986	San Diego, CA 92101
El Centro, CA 92243	Santa Ana, CA 92701	Yreka, CA 96097  Office of the District Attorney	Proposition 65 Enforcement
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Solano County	Reporting
Inyo County	Placer County	675 Texas Street, Suite 4500	Attn: Prop 65 Coordinator
P.O. Box D	10810 Justice Center Drive	Fairfield, CA 94533	1515 Clay Street
Independence, CA 93526	Roseville, CA 95678	I airneiu, CA 77333	P.O. Box 70550
			Oakland, CA 94612
	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	
Office of the District Attorney		Sonoma County	
Kern County	Plumas County 520 Main Street, Room 404	jbarnes@sonoma-county.org	
1215 Truxtun Avenue	Quincy, CA 95971	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	
Bakersfield, CA 93301	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	
Office of the District Attorney	Riverside County	Stanislaus County	
Kings County	Prop65@rivcoda.org	832 12th Street, Suite 300	1
1400 West Lacey Blvd.	Lichoreliacorarorg	Modesto, CA 95354	
Hanford, CA 93230	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	
Office of the District Attorney	Sacramento County	Sutter County	1
Lake County	Prop65@sacda.org	446 Second Street, Suite 102	1
255 N. Forbes Street			

### **ECOLOGY LAW CENTER**

P.O. Box 1000
SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA 95061
TELEPHONE: (831) 454-8216
EMAIL: EVENSON@ECOLOGYLAW.COM

AUGUST 11, 2017

### NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT

Steven Thomas, President	President or CEO
R J Thomas Mfg. Co., Inc.	R J Thomas Mfg. Co., Inc.
5648 Highway 59	PO Box 946
Cherokee, IA 51012	Cherokee, IA 51012

# AND THE PUBLIC PROSECUTORS LISTED ON THE DISTRIBUTION LIST ACCOMPANYING THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Violations of Proposition 65 Concerning Carbon Monoxide Exposures from Charcoal Grills

In accord with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, Ecological Rights Foundation ("ERF") hereby gives you notice that the above company has violated and is in ongoing violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, which provides that "[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individual."

Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, ERF intends to bring an enforcement action 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify the violations discussed in this notice letter. The public enforcement agencies that have been served with copies of this notice of violations are identified in the attached Certificate of Service.

This Notice of Violations ("Notice") is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). Attached for your reference is a summary, "Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary" prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"). Pursuant to Title 11, C.C.R. § 3100, a Certificate of Merit is also attached.

The above-referenced violations occur when California residents use charcoal grills. These products are used primarily for cooking with charcoal fuel. Combustion of charcoal produces and exposes people to **carbon monoxide**, a chemical known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity. Because the combustion of charcoal causes carbon monoxide to be released into the air, people using charcoal grills, and others standing near the products when charcoal is burning in or on the products, inhale carbon monoxide. Exposure to carbon monoxide is via the inhalation route.

Below is a non-exclusive list of examples of these types of products. Though specific models or SKU or product numbers are given as examples, this Notice pertains to all models, and all

variations, of the specific type of product of which the named model is an example.

Pilot Rock charcoal grills	
Tailgate grills	
 Covered Grills	

This non-exclusive list of examples of the type of products that are subject to this Notice is for the recipient's benefit and is not meant to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product. It is ERF's position that the alleged Violator is obligated to conduct a good faith investigation into other specific products within the identified category or type that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold, shipped, stored (or otherwise within the notice recipient's custody or control) during the past three years, to ensure that clear and reasonable warnings are provided to California citizens prior to purchase, or retroactively if necessary.

These products cause carbon monoxide exposures to occur in people's yards and everywhere else throughout California where these products are used. These violations are alleged for consumer and environmental exposures.

The noticed party did not and does not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before they expose them in California to carbon monoxide. The above-referenced violations have occurred every day since at least August 11, 2014 and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are given.

ERF is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to protecting human and environmental health, including raising awareness of, and reducing exposures to, toxic chemicals. The following individual is the responsible individual within ERF for purposes of this Notice:

James Lamport, Executive Director Ecological Rights Foundation 867 B Redwood Drive Garberville, California 95542 Telephone: (707) 923-4372

ERF has retained the following counsel to represent them in this matter (please direct communications to counsel):

Fredric Evenson Ecology Law Center P.O. Box 1000 Santa Cruz, California 95061 Telephone: (831) 454-8216

Email: evenson@ecologylaw.com

### Resolution of Noticed Claims:

ERF is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that advances the public interest without engaging in costly and protracted litigation. ERF is willing to settle this matter to the extent legally possible prior to the commencement of any enforcement action. Settlement terms would require that the unwarned exposures described in this Notice of Violation be stopped. That would require at least the following: 1) a potential recall of products already sold;

2) that either warnings be given to all future purchasers in California of the products subject to this Notice, that the products be reformulated to eliminate the exposures described in the Notice, or that you stop marketing, distributing or selling the products in California; 3) that you locate and provide a warning compliant with 27 Cal. Code Regs Section 25601 to each person who has been subject to the unwarned exposures described in the Notice to the extent those exposures are caused by products that were sold in California during the past three years; and 4) that you pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249(b). It should be noted that ERF cannot finalize any settlement of this matter until 70 days have elapsed since the sending of the Notice and unless no public enforcer has begun an enforcement action concerning the violations described in the Notice. Any settlement on behalf of the public interest must be approved by the California Superior Court on noticed motion with 45 days' notice to the California Attorney General. The Attorney General may appear at any approval hearing and oppose a settlement if he or she believes the proposed settlement is not in the public interest. If you wish to discuss settlement of this matter before ERF files suit, please promptly contact ERF's counsel.

Sincerely,



#### OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

The following summary has been prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as "Proposition 65"). A copy of this summary must be included as an attachment to any notice of violation served upon an alleged violator of the Act. The summary provides basic information about the provisions of the law, and is intended to serve only as a convenient source of general information. It is not intended to provide authoritative guidance on the meaning or application of the law. Please refer to the statute and OEHHA's implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information. FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE RELATED TO YOUR BUSINESS, CONTACT THE PERSON IDENTIFIED ON THE NOTICE.

The text of Proposition 65 (Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13) is available online at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65law72003.html. Regulations that provide more specific guidance on compliance, and that specify procedures to be followed by the State in carrying out certain aspects of the law, are found in Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 25102 through 27001. These implementing regulations are available online at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html. WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?

The "Proposition 65 List." Under Proposition 65, the lead agency (OEHHA) publishes a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity. Chemicals are placed on the Proposition 65 list if they are known to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, such as damage to female or male reproductive systems or to the developing fetus. This list must be updated at least once a year. The current Proposition 65 list of chemicals is available on the OEHHA website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65\_list/Newlist.html. Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under Proposition 65. Businesses that produce, use, release or otherwise engage in activities involving listed chemicals must comply with the following:

Clear and reasonable warnings. A business is required to warn a person before "knowingly and intentionally" exposing that person to a listed chemical unless an exemption applies. The warning given must be "clear and reasonable." This means that the warning must: (1) clearly say that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm; and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed to that chemical. Some exposures are exempt from the warning requirement under certain circumstances discussed below. Prohibition from discharges into drinking water. A business must not knowingly discharge or release a listed chemical into water or onto land where it passes or probably will pass into a source of drinking water. Some discharges are exempt from this requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Yes. You should consult the current version of the statute and regulations (http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html) to determine all applicable exemptions, the most common of which are the following:

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Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses "no significant risk." This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific "No Significant Risk Levels" (NSRLs) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OEHHA's website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of NSRLs, and Section 25701 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question. For chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the "no observable effect level" divided by 1,000. This number is known as the Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL). See OEHHA's website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of MADLs, and Section 25801 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures to Naturally Occurring Chemicals in Food. Certain exposures to chemicals that naturally occur in foods (i.e., that do not result from any known human activity, including activity by someone other than the person causing the exposure) are exempt from the warning requirements of the law. If the chemical is a contaminant<sup>2</sup> it must be reduced to the lowest level feasible. Regulations explaining this exemption can be found in Section 25501. Discharges that do not result in a "significant amount" of the listed chemical entering any source of drinking water. The prohibition from discharges into drinking water does not apply if the discharger is able to demonstrate that a "significant amount" of the listed chemical has not, does not, or will not pass into or probably pass into a source of drinking water, and that the discharge complies with all other applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements, or orders. A "significant amount" means any detectable amount, except an amount that would meet the "no significant risk" level for chemicals that cause cancer or that is 1,000 times below the "no observable effect" level for chemicals that cause reproductive toxicity, if an individual were exposed to that amount in drinking water.

HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys. Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. The notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in Section 25903 of Title 27 and sections 3100-3103 of Title 11. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an enforcement action within sixty days of the notice.

A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court to stop committing the violation.

A private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. For the following types of exposures, the Act provides an opportunity for the business to correct the alleged violation:

• An exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law;

- An exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarily intended for immediate consumption on- or off- premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;
- An exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;
- An exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

If a private party alleges that a violation occurred based on one of the exposures described above, the private party must first provide the alleged violator a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form.

A private party may not file an action against the alleged violator for these exposures, or recover in a settlement any payment in lieu of penalties any reimbursement for costs and attorney's fees, if the notice was served on or after October 5, 2013, and the alleged violator has done all of the following within 14 days of being served notice:

· Corrected the alleged violation;

· Agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 (subject to change as noted below) to the private party within 30 days; and

Notified the private party serving the notice in writing that the violation has been corrected.

The written notification to the private-party must include a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form completed by the alleged violator as directed in the notice. On April 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter, the dollar amount of the civil penalty will be adjusted by the Judicial Council based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index. The Judicial Council will publish the dollar amount of the adjusted civil penalty at each five-year interval, together with the date of the next scheduled adjustment.

An alleged violator may satisfy these conditions only one time for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility or on the same premises. The satisfaction of these conditions does not prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney of a city of greater than 750,000 population, or any full-time city prosecutor with the consent of the district attorney, from filing an enforcement action against an alleged violator. The amount of any civil penalty for a violation shall be reduced to reflect any payment made by the alleged violator for the same alleged violation to a private-party. A copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included with this notice and can be downloaded from OEHHA's

website at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65law72003.html. The notice is reproduced here:

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Date: Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address:

Phone number:

#### SPECIAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE PROOF OF COMPLIANCE

You are receiving this form because the Noticing Party listed above has alleged that you are violating California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 (Prop. 65).

The Noticing Party may not bring any legal proceedings against you for the alleged violation checked below if:

1. You have actually taken the corrective steps that you have certified in this form

- 2. The Noticing Party has received this form at the address shown above, accurately completed by you, postmarked within 14 days of your receiving
- 3. The Noticing Party receives the required \$500 penalty payment from you at the address shown above postmarked within 30 days of your receiving
- 4. This is the first time you have submitted a Proof of Compliance for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility on the same premises.

PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOTICING PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR THE NOTICING PARTY

The alleged violation is for an exposure to: (check one)

Alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent on-site consumption is permitted by law.

A chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises for immediate consumption on or off premises to the extent: (1) the chemical was not intentionally added; and (2) the chemical was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination.

Environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises.

Chemicals known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking noncommercial vehicles.

1. You have no potential liability under California Health and Safety Code \$25249.6 if your business has nine (9) or fewer employees.

2. Using this form will NOT prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney, or a prosecutor in whose jurisdiction the violation is alleged to have occurred from filing an action over the same alleged violations, and that in any such action, the amount of civil penalty shall be reduced to reflect any payment made at this time.

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Date:

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address:

Phone number:

### PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Certification of Compliance

Accurate completion of this form will demonstrate that you are now in compliance with California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 for the alleged violation listed above. You must complete and submit the form below to the Noticing Party at the address shown above, postmarked within 14 days of you receiving

this notice.  I hereby agree to pay, within 30 days of completion of this notice, a civil penalty of \$500 to the Noticing Party only and certify that I have complied with Health and Safety Code §25249.6 by (check only one of the following):
Posting a warning or warnings about the alleged exposure that complies with the law, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accuratel showing its placement on my premises;
Posting the warning or warnings demanded in writing by the Noticing Party, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately its placement on my premises; OR
Eliminating the alleged exposure, and attaching a statement accurately describing how the alleged exposure has been eliminated.
Certification  My statements on this form, and on any attachments to it, are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good fait I have carefully read the instructions to complete this form. I understand that if I make a false statement on this form, I may be subject to additional penaltic under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).
Signature of alleged violator or authorized representative Date
Name and title of signatory

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS. . .

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov.

### Certificate of Merit Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Fredric Evenson, hereby declare:

- (1) This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
- (2) I am the attorney for the noticing party.
- (3) I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.
- (4) Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all 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 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) The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 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.

Date: August 11, 2017

By:

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am a California resident, over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. My business address is P.O. Box 1000, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

On August 11, 2017, I served the following:

1) Notice of Violations: California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

3) Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary

4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in a sealed envelope addressed to each person shown below and depositing the envelope in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

Steven Thomas, President R J Thomas Mfg. Co., Inc. 5648 Highway 59 Cherokee, IA 51012	President or CEO R J Thomas Mfg. Co., Inc. PO Box 946 Cherokee, IA 51012
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On August 11, 2017, I also served the following:

1) Notice of Violations: California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

3) Certificate of Merit (Attorney General Copy): Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit (only sent to Attorney General)

4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in sealed envelopes addressed to each of the public prosecutors listed on the attached Service List with physical mailing addresses, and depositing the envelopes in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by First Class Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

by sending portable document format (.pdf) files of the same to the electronic mail addresses to each of the public prosecutors identified by the California Attorney General as having authorized electronic service of notices. These public enforcement agencies appear on the attached Service List with their electronic mail addresses.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed August 11, 2017, at Santa Cruz, CA.

Yair Chaver

## Service List - Public Prosecutors

Col. District Anomali	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney Alameda County	Lassen County	San Benito County	Tehama County
1225 Fallon Street, Room 900	mlatimer@co.lassen.ca.us	419 4th Street	P.O. Box 519 Red Bluff, CA 96080
Dakland, CA 94612		Hollister, CA 95023	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney San Bernardino County	Trinity County
Alpine County	Los Angeles County 211 W. Temple Street, Suite 1200	303 W. Third Street	P.O. Box 310
O. Box 248	Los Angeles, CA 90012	San Bernardino, CA 92415	Weaverville, CA 96093
Markleeville, CA 96120 Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Amador County	Madera County	San Diego County	Tulare County
708 Court Street, #202	209 West Yosemite Avenue	330 W. Broadway, Suite 1300	Prop65@co.tulare.ca.us
ackson, CA 95642	Madera, CA 93637	San Diego, CA 92101	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Tuolumne County
Butte County	Marin County	San Francisco County gregory.alker@sfgov.org	423 N. Washington Street
25 County Center Drive	3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 130	gregory.aiker@sigov.oig	Sonora, CA 95370
Droville, CA 95965	San Rafael, CA 94903	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	San Joaquin County	Ventura County
Calaveras County	Mariposa County P.O. Box 730	DAConsumer.Environmental@sjcda.org	daspecialops@ventura.org
91 Mountain Ranch Road	Mariposa, CA 95338	27.00.00.00.00.00.00	
San Andreas, CA 95249	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Mendocino County	San Luis Obispo County	Yolo County
Colusa County 346 5th Street, Suite 101	P.O. Box 1000	edobroth@co.slo.ca.us	cfepd@yolocounty.org
Colusa, CA 95932	Ukiah, CA 95482		Office St. District
	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Merced County	San Mateo County	Yuba County 215 Fifth Street, Suite 152
Contra Costa County sgrassini@contracostada.org	550 West Main Street	400 County Center, Third Floor	Marysville, CA 95901
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Merced, CA 95340	Redwood City, CA 94063 Office of the District Attorney	Oakland City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Santa Barbara County	City Hall, 6th Floor
Del Norte County	Modoc County 204 S. Court Street Room 202	1112 Santa Barbara Street	1 Frank Ogawa Plaza
450 H Street, Room 171	Alturas, CA 96101	Santa Barbara, CA 93101	Oakland, California 94612
Crescent City, CA 95531	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Mono County	Santa Clara County	City of San Francisco
El Dorado County	P.O. Box 617	EPU@da.sccgov.org	City Hall, Room 234
515 Main Street	Bridgeport, CA 93517		1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.
Placerville, CA 95667			San Francisco, CA 94102
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney City of Sacramento
Fresno County	Monterey County	Santa Cruz County	915 I Street, 4th Floor
2220 Tulare Street, Suite 1000	Prop65DA@co.montercy.ca.us	701 Ocean Street, Room 200	Sacramento, CA 95814
Fresno, CA 93721		Santa Cruz, CA 95060 Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Shasta County	City of San Jose
Glenn County	Napa County	1355 West Street	200 E. Santa Clara St.
P.O. Box 430 Willows, CA 95988	CEPD@countyofnapa.org	Redding, CA 96001	San Jose, CA 95113
WHIOWS, CA 93988	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Nevada County	Sierra County	City of Los Angeles
Humboldt County	201 Commercial Street	P.O. Box 457	200 N. Main Street, Suite 800
825 5th Street, 4th Floor	Nevada City, CA 95959	Downieville, CA 95936	Los Angeles, CA 90012
Eureka, CA 95501		om cu pieri an	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	City of San Diego
Imperial County	Orange County	Siskiyou County P.O. Box 986	1200 Third Ave., Suite 1620
940 West Main Street, Suite 102	401 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, CA 92701	Yreka, CA 96097	San Diego, CA 92101
El Centro, CA 92243	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Proposition 65 Enforcement
Office of the District Attorney	Placer County	Solano County	Reporting
Inyo County P.O. Box D	10810 Justice Center Drive	675 Texas Street, Suite 4500	Attn: Prop 65 Coordinator
Independence, CA 93526	Roseville, CA 95678	Fairfield, CA 94533	1515 Clay Street
macpendence, Cr. 75020	1		P.O. Box 70550
			Oakland, CA 94612
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	İ
Kern County	Plumas County	Sonoma County jbarnes@sonoma-county.org	
1215 Truxtun Avenue	520 Main Street, Room 404	Joannes@sonoma-county.org	
Bakersfield, CA 93301	Quincy, CA 95971 Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	
Office of the District Attorney	Riverside County	Stanislaus County	
Kings County 1400 West Lacey Blvd.	Prop65@rivcoda.org	832 12th Street, Suite 300	1
Hanford, CA 93230	, 10p05@ 5500.51B	Modesto, CA 95354	
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	1
Lake County	Sacramento County	Sutter County	1
255 N. Forbes Street	Prop65@sacda.org	446 Second Street, Suite 102 Yuba City, CA 95991	
Lakeport, CA 95453			

### **ECOLOGY LAW CENTER**

P.O. Box 1000 Santa Cruz, California 95061 Telephone: (831) 454-8216 EMAIL: EVENSON@ECOLOGYLAW.COM

SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

### NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT

Wayfair LLC
President or CEO
c/o Incorporating Services, LTD.
4 Copley Place, 7th floor
Boston, MA 02116

AND THE PUBLIC PROSECUTORS LISTED ON THE DISTRIBUTION LIST ACCOMPANYING THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Violations of Proposition 65 Concerning Carbon Monoxide Exposures from Charcoal Grills

In accord with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, Ecological Rights Foundation ("ERF") hereby gives you notice that the above company has violated and is in ongoing violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, which provides that "[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individual."

Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, ERF intends to bring an enforcement action 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify the violations discussed in this notice letter. The public enforcement agencies that have been served with copies of this notice of violations are identified in the attached Certificate of Service.

This Notice of Violations ("Notice") is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). Attached for your reference is a summary, "Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary" prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"). Pursuant to Title 11, C.C.R. § 3100, a Certificate of Merit is also attached.

The above-referenced violations occur when California residents use the charcoal grills listed below. These products are used primarily for cooking. Combustion of charcoal produces and exposes people to **carbon monoxide**, a chemical known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity. Because the combustion of charcoal causes carbon monoxide to be released into the air, people using charcoal grills, and others standing near the products when charcoal is burning in or on the products, inhale carbon monoxide. Exposure to carbon monoxide is via the inhalation route.

Below is a list of the products subject to this notice. Though specific models or SKU or product numbers are given as examples, this Notice also pertains to all models, and all variations, of the charcoal grills manufactured and/or distributed by the vendors of the following products.

Clean Art Folding Portable Charcoal Grill with Carry Bag, Item # BH-7; Manufactured by Nignbo Clean Art Houseware Co., Ltd.

Grand Innovations Volar Ideas 2 Piece BBQ Charcoal Grill with Cooler Bag, Item #KGI-0054; UPC# 888872007842

Kahuna Grills 13" Kamado Outdoor Oven and BBQ; SKU# KGRL1000

It is ERF's position that the alleged Violator is obligated to conduct a good faith investigation into other specific products within the identified category or type that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold, shipped, stored (or otherwise within the notice recipient's custody or control) during the past three years, to ensure that clear and reasonable warnings are provided to California citizens prior to purchase, or retroactively if necessary.

These products cause carbon monoxide exposures to occur in people's yards and everywhere else throughout California where these products are used. These violations are alleged for consumer and environmental exposures.

The noticed party did not and does not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before they expose them in California to carbon monoxide. The above-referenced violations have occurred every day since at least September 1, 2014 and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are given.

ERF is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to protecting human and environmental health, including raising awareness of, and reducing exposures to, toxic chemicals. The following individual is the responsible individual within ERF for purposes of this Notice:

James Lamport, Executive Director **Ecological Rights Foundation** 867 B Redwood Drive Garberville, California 95542 Telephone: (707) 923-4372

ERF has retained the following counsel to represent them in this matter (please direct communications to counsel):

Fredric Evenson **Ecology Law Center** P.O. Box 1000 Santa Cruz, California 95061 Telephone: (831) 454-8216

Email: evenson@ecologylaw.com

### Resolution of Noticed Claims:

ERF is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that advances the public interest without engaging in costly and protracted litigation. ERF is willing to settle this matter to the extent legally possible prior to the commencement of any enforcement action. Settlement

terms would require that the unwarned exposures described in this Notice of Violation be stopped. That would require at least the following: 1) a potential recall of products already sold; 2) that either warnings be given to all future purchasers in California of the products subject to this Notice, that the products be reformulated to eliminate the exposures described in the Notice, or that you stop marketing, distributing or selling the products in California; 3) that you locate and provide a warning compliant with 27 Cal. Code Regs Section 25601 to each person who has been subject to the unwarned exposures described in the Notice to the extent those exposures are caused by products that were sold in California during the past three years; and 4) that you pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249(b). It should be noted that ERF cannot finalize any settlement of this matter until 70 days have elapsed since the sending of the Notice and unless no public enforcer has begun an enforcement action concerning the violations described in the Notice. Any settlement on behalf of the public interest must be approved by the California Superior Court on noticed motion with 45 days' notice to the California Attorney General. The Attorney General may appear at any approval hearing and oppose a settlement if he or she believes the proposed settlement is not in the public interest. If you wish to discuss settlement of this matter before ERF files suit, please promptly contact ERF's counsel.

Sincerely,

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#### OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

The following summary has been prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as "Proposition 65"). A copy of this summary must be included as an attachment to any notice of violation served upon an alleged violator of the Act. The summary provides basic information about the provisions of the law, and is intended to serve only as a convenient source of general information. It is not intended to provide authoritative guidance on the meaning or application of the law. Please refer to the statute and OEHHA's implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information. FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE RELATED TO YOUR BUSINESS, CONTACT THE PERSON IDENTIFIED ON THE NOTICE.

The text of Proposition 65 (Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13) is available online at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65/aw72003.html. Regulations that provide more specific guidance on compliance, and that specify procedures to be followed by the State in carrying out certain aspects of the law, are found in Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 25102 through 27001. These implementing regulations are available online at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html. WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?

The "Proposition 65 List." Under Proposition 65, the lead agency (OEHHA) publishes a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity. Chemicals are placed on the Proposition 65 list if they are known to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, such as damage to female or male reproductive systems or to the developing fetus. This list must be updated at least once a year. The current Proposition 65 list of chemicals is available on the OEHHA website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65\_list/Newlist.html. Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under Proposition 65. Businesses that produce, use, release or otherwise engage in activities involving listed chemicals must comply with the following:

Clear and reasonable warnings. A business is required to warn a person before "knowingly and intentionally" exposing that person to a listed chemical unless an exemption applies. The warning given must be "clear and reasonable." This means that the warning must: (1) clearly say that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm; and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed to that chemical. Some exposures are exempt from the warning requirement under certain circumstances discussed below. Prohibition from discharges into drinking water. A business must not knowingly discharge or release a listed chemical into water or onto land where it passes or probably will pass into a source of drinking water. Some discharges are exempt from this requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Yes. You should consult the current version of the statute and regulations (http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html) to determine all applicable exemptions, the most common of which are the following:

Grace Periods. Proposition 65 warning requirements do not apply until 12 months after the chemical has been listed. The Proposition 65 discharge prohibition does not apply to a discharge or release of a chemical that takes place less than 20 months after the listing of the chemical. Governmental agencies and public water utilities. All agencies of the federal, state or local government, as well as entities operating public water systems, are exempt.

Businesses with nine or fewer employees. Neither the warning requirement nor the discharge prohibition applies to a business that employs a total of nine or fewer employees. This includes all employees, not just those present in California.

Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses "no significant risk." This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific "No Significant Risk Levels" (NSRLs) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OEHHA's website at: http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of NSRLs, and Section 25701 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question. For chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the "no observable effect level" divided by 1,000. This number is known as the Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL). See OEHHA's website at: http://www.ochha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of MADLs, and Section 25801 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures to Naturally Occurring Chemicals in Food. Certain exposures to chemicals that naturally occur in foods (i.e., that do not result from any known human activity, including activity by someone other than the person causing the exposure) are exempt from the warning requirements of the law. If the chemical is a contaminant it must be reduced to the lowest level feasible. Regulations explaining this exemption can be found in Section 25501. Discharges that do not result in a "significant amount" of the listed chemical entering any source of drinking water. The prohibition from discharges into drinking water does not apply if the discharger is able to demonstrate that a "significant amount" of the listed chemical has not, does not, or will not pass into or probably pass into a source of drinking water, and that the discharge complies with all other applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements, or orders. A "significant amount" means any detectable amount, except an amount that would meet the "no significant risk" level for chemicals that cause cancer or that is 1,000 times below the "no observable effect" level for chemicals that cause reproductive toxicity, if an individual were exposed to that amount in drinking water.

HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys. Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. The notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in Section 25903 of Title 27 and sections 3100-3103 of Title 11. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an enforcement action within sixty days of the notice.

A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court to stop committing the violation.

A private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. For the following types of exposures, the Act provides an opportunity for the business to correct the alleged violation:

• An exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law;

- An exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarily intended for immediate consumption on- or off- premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;
- An exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;

• An exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

If a private party alleges that a violation occurred based on one of the exposures described above, the private party must first provide the alleged violator a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form.

A private party may not file an action against the alleged violator for these exposures, or recover in a settlement any payment in lieu of penalties any reimbursement for costs and attorney's fees, if the notice was served on or after October 5, 2013, and the alleged violator has done all of the following within 14 days of being served notice:

· Corrected the alleged violation;

· Agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 (subject to change as noted below) to the private party within 30 days; and

• Notified the private party serving the notice in writing that the violation has been corrected.

The written notification to the private-party must include a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form completed by the alleged violator as directed in the notice. On April 1, 2019, and every five years thereafter, the dollar amount of the civil penalty will be adjusted by the Judicial Council based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index. The Judicial Council will publish the dollar amount of the adjusted civil penalty at each five-year interval, together with the date of the next scheduled adjustment.

An alleged violator may satisfy these conditions only one time for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility or on the same premises. The satisfaction of these conditions does not prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney of a city of greater than 750,000 population, or any full-time city prosecutor with the consent of the district attorney, from filing an enforcement action against an alleged violator. The amount of any civil penalty for a violation shall be reduced to reflect any payment made by the alleged violator for the same alleged violation to a private-party A copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included with this notice and can be downloaded from OEHHA's website at: http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65law72003.html. The notice is reproduced here:

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Date:

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address:

Phone number:

#### SPECIAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE PROOF OF COMPLIANCE

You are receiving this form because the Noticing Party listed above has alleged that you are violating California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 (Prop. 65).

The Noticing Party may not bring any legal proceedings against you for the alleged violation checked below if:

1. You have actually taken the corrective steps that you have certified in this form

- 2. The Noticing Party has received this form at the address shown above, accurately completed by you, postmarked within 14 days of your receiving
- 3. The Noticing Party receives the required \$500 penalty payment from you at the address shown above postmarked within 30 days of your receiving this notice.
- 4. This is the first time you have submitted a Proof of Compliance for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility on the same premises.

### PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOTICING PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR THE NOTICING PARTY

The alleged violation is for an exposure to: (check one)

Alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent on-site consumption is permitted by law.

A chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises for immediate consumption on or off premises to the extent: (1) the chemical was not intentionally added; and (2) the chemical was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination.

Environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises.

Chemicals known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking noncommercial vehicles.

1. You have no potential liability under California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 if your business has nine (9) or fewer employees.

2. Using this form will NOT prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney, or a prosecutor in whose jurisdiction the violation is alleged to have occurred from filing an action over the same alleged violations, and that in any such action, the amount of civil penalty shall be reduced to reflect any payment made at this time.

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Date:

Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address:

Phone number:

### PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

#### Certification of Compliance

Accurate completion of this form will demonstrate that you are now in compliance with California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 for the alleged violation listed above. You must complete and submit the form below to the Noticing Party at the address shown above, postmarked within 14 days of you receiving

this notice. I hereby agree to pay, within 30 days of completion of this notice, a civil penalty of \$500 to the Noticing Party only and certify that I have complied with Health and Safety Code \$25249.6 by (check only one of the following):
Posting a warning or warnings about the alleged exposure that complies with the law, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accuratel showing its placement on my premises;
Posting the warning or warnings demanded in writing by the Noticing Party, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately its placement on my premises; OR
Eliminating the alleged exposure, and attaching a statement accurately describing how the alleged exposure has been eliminated.
Certification  My statements on this form, and on any attachments to it, are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good fait!  I have carefully read the instructions to complete this form. I understand that if I make a false statement on this form, I may be subject to additional penaltic under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).
Signature of alleged violator or authorized representative Date
Name and title of signatory

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS. . .

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov.

### Certificate of Merit Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Fredric Evenson, hereby declare:

- (1) This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
- (2) I am the attorney for the noticing party.
- (3) I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.
- (4) Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all 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 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) The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 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.

Date: September 1, 2017

By:

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I am a California resident, over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. My business address is P.O. Box 1000, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

On September 1, 2017, I served the following:

- 1) Notice of Violations: California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act
- 2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)
- 3) Appendix A: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary
- 4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in a sealed envelope addressed to each person shown below and depositing the envelope in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

Wayfair LLC President or CEO c/o Incorporating Services, LTD. 4 Copley Place, 7th floor Boston, MA 02116

On September 1, 2017, I also served the following:

- 1) Notice of Violations: California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act
- 2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)
- 3) Certificate of Merit (Attorney General Copy): Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit (only sent to Attorney General)
- 4) Certificate of Service

by enclosing copies of the same in sealed envelopes addressed to each of the public prosecutors listed on the attached Service List with physical mailing addresses, and depositing the envelopes in the U.S. mail with postage fully prepaid for delivery by First Class Mail. Place of mailing: Santa Cruz, CA.

by sending portable document format (.pdf) files of the same to the electronic mail addresses to each of the public prosecutors identified by the California Attorney General as having authorized electronic service of notices. These public enforcement agencies appear on the attached Service List with their electronic mail addresses.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed September 1, 2017, at Santa Cruz, CA.

Yair Chaver

### Service List – Public Prosecutors

Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney Tehama County
Alameda County	Lassen County	San Benito County 419 4th Street	P.O. Box 519
225 Fallon Street, Room 900	mlatimer@co.lassen.ca.us	Hollister, CA 95023	Red Bluff, CA 96080
Dakland, CA 94612	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Los Angeles County	San Bernardino County	Trinity County
Alpine County P.O. Box 248	211 W. Temple Street, Suite 1200	303 W. Third Street	P.O. Box 310
Aarkleeville, CA 96120	Los Angeles, CA 90012	San Bernardino, CA 92415	Weaverville, CA 96093
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Amador County	Madera County	San Diego County	Tulare County
708 Court Street, #202	209 West Yosemite Avenue	330 W. Broadway, Suite 1300	Prop65@co.tulare.ca.us
ackson, CA 95642	Madera, CA 93637	San Diego, CA 92101	
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Butte County	Marin County	San Francisco County	Tuolumne County
25 County Center Drive	3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 130	gregory.alker@sfgov.org	423 N. Washington Street Sonora, CA 95370
Oroville, CA 95965	San Rafael, CA 94903	0.00	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Ventura County
Calaveras County	Mariposa County	San Joaquin County DAConsumer.Environmental@sjcda.org	daspecialops@ventura.org
891 Mountain Ranch Road	P.O. Box 730	DAConsumer.Environmentat@sjcua.org	daspecialops@veiltura.org
San Andreas, CA 95249	Mariposa, CA 95338	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	San Luis Obispo County	Yolo County
Colusa County	Mendocino County	edobroth@co.slo.ca.us	cfepd@yolocounty.org
346 5th Street, Suite 101	P.O. Box 1000 Ukiah, CA 95482	- Carriotities Co. Siv. Cat. 113	,-6,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5
Colusa, CA 95932	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Merced County	San Mateo County	Yuba County
Contra Costa County	550 West Main Street	400 County Center, Third Floor	215 Fifth Street, Suite 152
sgrassini@contracostada.org	Merced, CA 95340	Redwood City, CA 94063	Marysville, CA 95901
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Oakland City Attorney
Del Norte County	Modoc County	Santa Barbara County	City Hall, 6th Floor
450 H Street, Room 171	204 S. Court Street Room 202	1112 Santa Barbara Street	I Frank Ogawa Plaza
Crescent City, CA 95531	Alturas, CA 96101	Santa Barbara, CA 93101	Oakland, California 94612
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney El Dorado County	Mono County	Santa Clara County	City of San Francisco
515 Main Street	P.O. Box 617	EPU@da.sccgov.org	City Hall, Room 234  1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.
Placerville, CA 95667	Bridgeport, CA 93517	1	San Francisco, CA 94102
		Office file District Attaches	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney Santa Cruz County	City of Sacramento
Fresno County	Monterey County	701 Ocean Street, Room 200	915 I Street, 4th Floor
2220 Tulare Street, Suite 1000	Prop65DA@co.monterey.ca.us	Santa Cruz, CA 95060	Sacramento, CA 95814
Fresno, CA 93721 Office of the District Attorney		Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Glenn County	Office of the District Attorney	Shasta County	City of San Jose
P.O. Box 430	Napa County	1355 West Street	200 E. Santa Clara St.
Willows, CA 95988	CEPD@countyofnapa.org	Redding, CA 96001	San Jose, CA 95113
	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney
Office of the District Attorney	Nevada County	Sierra County	City of Los Angeles
Humboldt County	201 Commercial Street	P.O. Box 457	200 N. Main Street, Suite 800
825 5th Street, 4th Floor	Nevada City, CA 95959	Downieville, CA 95936	Los Angeles, CA 90012
Eureka, CA 95501			Office of the Circ American
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the City Attorney City of San Diego
Imperial County	Orange County	Siskiyou County	1200 Third Ave., Suite 1620
940 West Main Street, Suite 102	401 Civic Center Drive West	P.O. Box 986 Yreka, CA 96097	San Diego, CA 92101
El Centro, CA 92243	Santa Ana, CA 92701	Office of the District Attorney	Proposition 65 Enforcement
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Solano County	Reporting
Inyo County	Placer County 10810 Justice Center Drive	675 Texas Street, Suite 4500	Attn: Prop 65 Coordinator
P.O. Box D Independence, CA 93526	Roseville, CA 95678	Fairfield, CA 94533	1515 Clay Street
inaspendense, CA 73340	,,		P.O. Box 70550
			Oakland, CA 94612
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	
Kern County	Plumas County	Sonoma County	
1215 Truxtun Avenue	520 Main Street, Room 404	jbarnes@sonoma-county.org	1
Bakersfield, CA 93301	Quincy, CA 95971		
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	
Kings County	Riverside County	Stanislaus County	
1400 West Lacey Blvd.	Prop65@rivcoda.org	832 12th Street, Suite 300	
Hanford, CA 93230		Modesto, CA 95354	1
Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	Office of the District Attorney	
Lake County	Sacramento County	Sutter County	
255 N. Forbes Street Lakeport, CA 95453	Prop65@sacda.org	446 Second Street, Suite 102 Yuba City, CA 95991	
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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar n Fredric Evenson (SBN# 198059)	umber, and address):	FOR COURT USE ONLY
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P.O. Box 1000		FILE
Santa Cruz, CA 95061 TELEPHONE NO.: (831) 454-8216	FAX NO.:	Superior Court of California County of San Francisco
ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Ecological Rights Fou		Sound of Cart tarkings
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Sai	n Francisco	FEB 1 6 2018
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MAILING ADDRESS:		CLERK-OF THE COURT
CITY AND ZIP CODE: San Francisco, 94102		BY San Sai
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Auto (22)	Breach of contract/warranty (06)	al. Rules of Court, rules 3.400–3.403)
Uninsured motorist (46)	Rule 3.740 collections (09)	Antitrust/Trade regulation (03)
Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort	Other collections (09)	Construction defect (10)
Asbestos (04)	Insurance coverage (18)	Mass tort (40)
Product liability (24)	Cother contract (37)  Real Property	Securities litigation (28) Environmental/Toxic tort (30)
Medical malpractice (45)	Eminent domain/Inverse	Insurance coverage claims arising from the
Other PI/PD/WD (23)	condemnation (14)	above listed provisionally complex case
Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort	Wrongful eviction (33)	types (41)
Business tort/unfair business practice (07)	Other real property (26)	nforcement of Judgment
Civil rights (08)	Unlawful Detainer	Enforcement of judgment (20)
Defamation (13)	[]	scellaneous Civil Complaint
Fraud (16)	Residential (32)	RICO (27)
Intellectual property (19) Professional negligence (25)	Judicial Review	Other complaint (not specified above) (42)
Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)	Asset forfeiture (05)	scellaneous Civil Petition
Employment	Petition re: arbitration award (11)	Partnership and corporate governance (21)  Other petition (not specified above) (43)
Wrongful termination (36)	Writ of mandate (02)	Other petition (not specified above) (43)
Other employment (15)	Other judicial review (39)	
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Date: February 15, 2018		
Fredric Evenson (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	(SIGI	VATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)
	NOTICE	
Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the fit     under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Manager		
in sanctions.	venare and institutions code). (Car. Rules	of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result
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**CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET** 

Cal Rules of Court, rules 2.30, 3.220, 3.400–3.403, 3.740.
Cal. Standards of Judicial Administration, std. 3.10 www.courlinfo.ca.gov



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#### INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Comptex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

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Auto Tort
    Auto (22)-Personal Injury/Property
        Damage/Wrongful Death
    Uninsured Motorist (46) (if the
         case involves an uninsured
         motorist claim subject to
         arbitration, check this item
         instead of Auto)
Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/
Property Damage/Wrongful Death)
Tort
    Asbestos (04)
         Asbestos Property Damage
         Asbestos Personal Injury/
              Wrongful Death
    Product Liability (not asbestos or
    toxic/environmental) (24)
Medical Malpractice (45)
         Medical Malpractice-
              Physicians & Surgeons
         Other Professional Health Care
              Malpractice
    Other PI/PD/WD (23)
         Premises Liability (e.g., slip
              and fall)
         Intentional Bodily Injury/PDWD
              (e.g., assault, vandalism)
         Intentional Infliction of
              Emotional Distress
         Negligent Infliction of
              Emotional Distress
         Other PI/PD/WD
Non-Pl/PD/WD (Other) Tort
    Business Tort/Unfair Business
       Practice (07)
    Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination,
        false arrest) (not civil
        harassment) (08)
    Defamation (e.g., stander, libel)
         (13)
    Fraud (16)
    Intellectual Property (19)
Professional Negligence (25)
        Legal Malpractice
        Other Professional Malpractice
            (not medical or legal)
     Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)
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CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES
Contract
    Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)
        Breach of Rental/Lease
            Contract (not unlawful detainer
                or wrongful eviction)
        Contract/Warranty Breach-Seller
            Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence)
        Negligent Breach of Contract/
             Warranty
        Other Breach of Contract/Warranty
    Collections (e.g., money owed, open
        book accounts) (09)
        Collection Case-Seller Plaintiff
        Other Promissory Note/Collections
            Case
    Insurance Coverage (not provisionally
        complex) (18)
        Auto Subrogation
        Other Coverage
    Other Contract (37)
        Contractual Fraud
        Other Contract Dispute
Real Property
    Eminent Domain/Inverse
        Condemnation (14)
    Wrongful Eviction (33)
    Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)
        Writ of Possession of Real Property
        Mortgage Foreclosure
        Quiet Title
        Other Real Property (not eminent
        domain, landlord/tenant. or
        foreclosure)
Unlawful Detainer
    Commercial (31)
    Residential (32)
    Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal
        drugs, check this item; otherwise,
        report as Commercial or Residential)
Judicial Review
    Asset Forfeiture (05)
     Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)
    Writ of Mandate (02)
Writ-Administrative Mandamus
        Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court
            Case Matter
        Writ-Other Limited Court Case
            Review
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Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03) Construction Defect (10)
Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)
Securities Litigation (28)
Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)
Insurance Coverage Claims
(arising from provisionally complex
case type listed above) (41)
Enforcement of Judgment
Enforcement of Judgment (20)
Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)
Confession of Judgment (non-
domestic relations)
Sister State Judgment
Administrative Agency Award
(not unpaid taxes)
Petition/Certification of Entry of
Judgment on Unpaid Taxes Other Enforcement of Judgment
Case
Miscellaneous Civil Complaint
RICO (27)
Other Complaint (not specified
above) (42)
Declaratory Relief Only Injunctive Relief Only (non-
harassment)
Mechanics Lien
Other Commercial Complaint
Case (non-tort/non-complex)
Other Civil Complaint
(non-tort/non-complex)
Miscellaneous Civil Petition
Partnership and Corporate
Governance (21)
Other Petition (not specified above) (43)
Civil Harassment
Workplace Violence
Elder/Dependent Adult
Abuse
Election Contest
Petition for Name Change
Petition for Relief From Late Claim
Other Civil Petition
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Wrongful Termination (36)

Other Employment (15)

Other Judicial Review (39)
Review of Health Officer Order

Notice of Appeal-Labor