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9 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

10 **COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

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

13 **Plaintiff,**

14 **vs.**

15 **NOW HEALTH GROUP, INC., individually  
16 and doing business as NOW FOODS; and  
17 DOES 1-100**

18 **Defendants.**

**CASE NO.**

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

[Toxic Tort/Environmental (30)  
Proposition 65, Health & Safety Code  
Section 25249.5 et seq.]

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20 Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc. hereby alleges:

21 **I**

22 **INTRODUCTION**

23 1. Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc. (hereinafter "Plaintiff" or "ERC") brings  
 24 this action as a private attorney general enforcer and in the public interest pursuant to Health &  
 25 Safety Code section 25249.7, subdivision (d). The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement  
 26 Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code section 25249.5 *et seq.*) also known as "Proposition 65,"  
 27 mandates that businesses with ten or more employees must provide a "clear and reasonable  
 28 warning" prior to exposing any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or

1 reproductive toxicity. Lead and cadmium are chemicals known to the State of California to  
2 cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm. This Complaint seeks injunctive and  
3 declaratory relief and civil penalties to remedy the ongoing failure of Defendants NOW Health  
4 Group, Inc., individually and doing business as NOW Foods (“NOW Foods”) and Does 1-100  
5 (hereinafter individually referred to as “Defendant” or collectively as “Defendants”), to warn  
6 consumers that they have been exposed to lead and/or cadmium from a number of NOW Foods’  
7 nutritional health products as set forth in paragraph 3 at levels exceeding the applicable  
8 Maximum Allowable Dose Level (“MADL”) and requiring a warning pursuant to Health &  
9 Safety Code section 25249.6.

## 10 II

### 11 PARTIES

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

16 3. Defendant NOW Health Group, Inc., individually and doing business as NOW Foods, is  
17 a business that develops, manufactures, markets, distributes, and/or sells nutritional health  
18 products that have exposed users to lead and/or cadmium in the State of California within the  
19 relevant statute of limitations period. These “SUBJECT PRODUCTS” (as identified in the  
20 Notices of Violation dated January 29, 2018 and July 24, 2018 attached hereto as **Exhibits A**  
21 **and B**) are: (1) NOW Alfalfa Powder Green Superfood (lead), (2) NOW Certified Organic  
22 Psyllium Husk Powder Soluble Fiber (lead), (3) NOW Psyllium Husk Caps 700 mg Intestinal  
23 Health (lead), (4) NOW Alfalfa 650 mg Green Superfood (lead), (5) NOW Psyllium Husk Caps  
24 500 mg Intestinal Health (lead), (6) NOW Certified Organic Chlorella 500 mg Green Superfood  
25 (lead), (7) NOW Certified Organic Barley Grass Green Superfood (lead), (8) NOW Chlorella  
26 400 mg Green Superfood (lead), (9) NOW Acai SuperFruit Juice (lead), (10) NOW Probiotic  
27 Defense Healthy Intestinal Flora (lead), (11) NOW Rei-Shi Mushrooms 270 mg Super  
28 Mushrooms (lead), (12) NOW Whole Psyllium Husks Soluble Fiber (lead), (13) NOW Certified

1 Organic Chlorella Pure Powder Green Superfood (lead), (14) NOW Psyllium Husk Powder  
2 Soluble Fiber (lead), (15) NOW Bee Pollen Caps 500 mg Nutrient-Dense (lead), (16) NOW  
3 Green PhytoFoods Super Nutrient Blend (lead), (17) NOW Certified Organic Maca Pure  
4 Powder 6:1 Concentrate Reproductive Health (lead), (18) NOW Garcinia 1000 mg Healthy  
5 Metabolism (lead), (19) NOW Licorice Root 450 mg Herbal Supplement (lead), (20) NOW  
6 Detox Support Detoxification Formula (lead), (21) NOW Modified Citrus Pectin 800 mg  
7 Supports Healthy Detoxification (lead), (22) NOW Super Colostrum 500 mg Supports Immune  
8 Function (lead), (23) NOW Certified Organic Wheat Grass Green Superfood (lead), (24) NOW  
9 Graviola 500 mg Healthy Cell Function (lead), (25) NOW Natural Spirulina 500 mg Nutrient  
10 Rich Superfood (lead), (26) NOW Red Clover 375 mg Herbal Supplement (lead), (27) NOW  
11 Artichoke Extract 450 mg Digestive Health (lead), (28) NOW Certified Organic Fiber-3  
12 Excellent Source of Fiber (cadmium), (29) NOW Pau D' Arco 500 mg of Inner Bark Herbal  
13 Support (lead), (30) NOW Argentine Beef Liver Powder Super Food (lead), (31) NOW  
14 Modified Citrus Pectin Pure Powder Supports Healthy Detoxification (lead), (32) NOW Liver  
15 Caps Supports Liver Health (lead), (33) NOW Elderberry & Zinc Supports Immune System  
16 (lead), (34) Protocol For Life Balance Milk Thistle Extract 300 mg (lead), (35) NOW Sports  
17 Soy Protein Isolate Natural Vanilla (lead), (36) NOW Sports Soy Protein Isolate Natural  
18 Chocolate (lead), (37) NOW Sports Fit & Tone Protein Mocha Flavor (lead), (38) NOW Sports  
19 Plant Protein Complex Chocolate Mocha (lead), (39) NOW Sports Pea Protein Vanilla Toffee  
20 (lead), (40) NOW Sports Pea Protein Dutch Chocolate (lead, cadmium), (41) NOW Sports  
21 Organic Plant Protein Natural Vanilla (lead, cadmium), (42) NOW Sports Organic Plant Protein  
22 Natural Unflavored (lead, cadmium), (43) NOW Sports Organic Pea Protein Natural Chocolate  
23 (lead), and (44) NOW Sports Organic Pea Protein Natural Vanilla (lead). NOW Foods is a  
24 company subject to Proposition 65 as it employs ten or more persons, and has employed ten or  
25 more persons at all times relevant to this action.

26 4. Defendants Does 1-100, are named herein under fictitious names, as their true names  
27 and capacities are unknown to ERC. ERC is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that  
28 each of said Does is responsible, in some actionable manner, for the events and happenings

1 hereinafter referred to, either through said Does' conduct, or through the conduct of its agents,  
2 servants or employees, or in some other manner, causing the harms alleged by ERC in this  
3 Complaint. When said true names and capacities of Does are ascertained, ERC will seek leave  
4 to amend this Complaint to set forth the same.

### 5 **III**

#### 6 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

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

11 6. This Court has jurisdiction over NOW Foods because NOW Foods has sufficient  
12 minimum contacts with California, and otherwise intentionally avails itself of the California  
13 market through the marketing, distribution, and/or sale of the SUBJECT PRODUCTS in the  
14 State of California so as to render the exercise of jurisdiction over it by the California courts  
15 consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

16 7. The Complaint is based on allegations contained in the Notices of Violation dated  
17 January 29, 2018 and July 24, 2018, served on the California Attorney General, other public  
18 enforcers, and NOW Foods. The Notices of Violation constitute adequate notice to NOW  
19 Foods because they provided adequate information to allow NOW Foods to assess the nature of  
20 the alleged violations, consistent with Proposition 65 and its implementing regulations. A  
21 certificate of merit and a certificate of service accompanied the Notices of Violation, and both  
22 certificates comply with Proposition 65 and its implementing regulations. The Notices of  
23 Violation served on NOW Foods also included copies of "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic  
24 Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary." Service of the Notices of Violation  
25 and accompanying documents complied with Proposition 65 and its implementing regulations.  
26 Attached hereto as **Exhibits A and B** respectively are true and correct copies of the Notices of  
27 Violation and associated documents and each is incorporated herein by reference. More than 60  
28 days have passed since ERC mailed the Notices of Violation and no public enforcement entity

1 has filed a Complaint in this case.

2 8. This Court is the proper venue for the action because the causes of action have arisen in  
3 the County of Alameda where some of the violations of law have occurred, and will continue to  
4 occur, due to the ongoing sale of NOW Foods' products. Furthermore, venue is proper in this  
5 Court under Code of Civil Procedure section 395.5 and Health & Safety Code section 25249.7.

6 **IV**

7 **STATUTORY BACKGROUND**

8 9. The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 is an initiative statute  
9 passed as "Proposition 65" by an overwhelming majority vote of the people in November of  
10 1986.

11 10. The warning requirement of Proposition 65 is contained in Health & Safety Code  
12 section 25249.6, which provides:

13 No person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and  
14 intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to  
15 cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and  
16 reasonable warning to such individual, except as provided in Section  
17 25249.10.

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

23 12. In this case, the exposures are caused by consumer products. Implementing regulations  
24 for Proposition 65 define a consumer product exposure as "an exposure that results from a  
25 person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or any reasonably foreseeable use of a  
26 consumer product, including consumption of a food" and "food" is defined to include "dietary  
27 supplements." (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27, § 25600.1, subd. (e) and (g).)

28 13. Proposition 65's implementing regulations state that "Subarticle 2 [Cal. Code Regs., tit.  
27, § 25601 et seq.] provides 'safe harbor' content and methods for providing a warning that

1 have been determined ‘clear and reasonable’.” (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27, § 25600.) For  
2 consumer product exposures, the Proposition 65 warning requirement may be satisfied by a  
3 product-specific warning provided on a posted sign, shelf tag, or shelf sign at each point of  
4 display of the product; a product-specific warning provided via any electronic device or process  
5 that automatically provides the warning to the purchaser prior to or during the purchase of the  
6 product; or a warning that appears on a product’s label. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27, §§ 25607.1,  
7 25602, subd. (a) and (b).)

8 14. Proposition 65 establishes a procedure by which the State is to develop a list of  
9 chemicals “known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.” (Health & Safety Code,  
10 § 25249.8.) There is no duty to provide a clear and reasonable warning until 12-months after  
11 the chemical is published on the State list. (Health & Safety Code, § 25249.10, subd. (b).)

12 15. Lead was listed as a chemical known to the State of California to cause developmental  
13 toxicity in the fetus and male and female reproductive toxicity on February 27, 1987. Lead was  
14 listed as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer on October 1, 1992. (State  
15 of California EPA OEHHA Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986  
16 Chemicals Known to the State to Cause Cancer and Reproductive Toxicity.) The MADL for  
17 lead as a chemical known to cause reproductive toxicity is 0.5 micrograms per day. (Cal. Code  
18 Regs., tit. 27, §25805, subd. (b).) The No Significant Risk Level for lead as a carcinogen is 15  
19 micrograms per day. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27, §25705, subd. (b).)

20 16. Cadmium was officially listed as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity and  
21 male reproductive toxicity on May 1, 1997, while cadmium and cadmium compounds were  
22 listed as chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer on October 1, 1987. (State  
23 of California EPA OEHHA Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986  
24 Chemicals Known to the State to Cause Cancer and Reproductive Toxicity.) The MADL for  
25 cadmium as a chemical known to cause reproductive toxicity is 4.10 micrograms per day. (Cal.  
26 Code Regs., tit. 27, §25805, subd. (b).)

27 17. Proposition 65 provides that any person “violating or threatening to violate” Proposition  
28 65 may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction. (Health & Safety Code, §25249.7,

1 subd. (a).) To “threaten to violate” means “to create a condition in which there is a substantial  
2 probability that a violation will occur.” (Health & Safety Code, § 25249.11, subd. (e).)  
3 Furthermore, violators are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation.  
4 (Health & Safety Code, § 25249.7, subd. (b)(1).)

5 18. Proposition 65 may be enforced by any person in the public interest who provides notice  
6 sixty days before filing suit to both the violator and designated law enforcement officials. The  
7 failure of law enforcement officials to file a timely Complaint enables a citizen suit to be filed  
8 pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 25249.7, subdivisions (c) and (d).

9 **V**

10 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

11 19. NOW Foods has developed, manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold the  
12 SUBJECT PRODUCTS containing lead and/or cadmium into the State of California.  
13 Consumption of the SUBJECT PRODUCTS according to the directions and/or  
14 recommendations provided for said products causes consumers to be exposed to lead at levels  
15 exceeding the 0.5 micrograms per day MADL and/or cadmium at levels exceeding the 4.1  
16 micrograms per day MADL and requiring a warning. Consumers have been ingesting these  
17 products for many years, without any knowledge of their exposure to lead and/or cadmium, very  
18 dangerous chemicals.

19 20. For many years, NOW Foods has knowingly and intentionally exposed numerous  
20 persons to lead and/or cadmium without providing a Proposition 65 warning. Prior to ERC’s  
21 Notices of Violation and this Complaint, NOW Foods failed to provide a warning on the labels  
22 of the SUBJECT PRODUCTS. NOW Foods has at all times relevant hereto been aware that the  
23 SUBJECT PRODUCTS contained lead and/or cadmium and that persons using these products  
24 have been exposed to these chemicals. NOW Foods has been aware of the presence of lead  
25 and/or cadmium in the SUBJECT PRODUCTS and has failed to disclose the presence of these  
26 chemicals to the public, who undoubtedly believe they have been ingesting totally healthy and  
27 pure products pursuant to the company’s statements.

28 21. Both prior and subsequent to ERC’s Notices of Violation, NOW Foods failed to provide

1 consumers of the SUBJECT PRODUCTS with a clear and reasonable warning that they have  
2 been exposed to chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and  
3 other reproductive harm. This failure to warn is ongoing.

4 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**  
5 **(Violation of Section 25249.6 of the Health and Safety Code, Failure to Provide Clear and**  
6 **Reasonable Warning under Proposition 65)**

7 22. ERC refers to paragraphs 1-21, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this  
8 reference.

9 23. By committing the acts alleged above, NOW Foods has, in the course of doing business,  
10 knowingly and intentionally exposed users of the SUBJECT PRODUCTS to lead and/or  
11 cadmium, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other  
12 reproductive harm, without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individuals within  
13 the meaning of Health & Safety Code section 25249.6. In doing so, NOW Foods has violated  
14 Health & Safety Code section 25249.6, and continues to violate the statute with each successive  
15 sale of the SUBJECT PRODUCTS.

16 24. Said violations render NOW Foods liable for civil penalties, up to \$2,500 per day for  
17 each violation, and subject NOW Foods to injunction.

18 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**  
19 **(Declaratory Relief)**

20 25. ERC refers to paragraphs 1-24, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this  
21 reference.

22 26. There exists an actual controversy relating to the legal rights and duties of the Parties,  
23 within the meaning of Code of Civil Procedure section 1060, between ERC and NOW Foods,  
24 concerning whether NOW Foods has exposed individuals to chemicals known to the State of  
25 California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm without providing clear  
26 and reasonable warning.

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**VI**

**PRAYER**

WHEREFORE ERC prays for relief as follows:

1. On the First Cause of Action, for civil penalties for each and every violation according to proof;
2. On the First Cause of Action, and pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 25249.7, subdivision (a), for such temporary restraining orders, preliminary and permanent injunctive orders, or other orders as are necessary to prevent NOW Foods from exposing persons to lead and/or cadmium without providing clear and reasonable warning;
3. On the Second Cause of Action, for a declaratory judgment pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1060 declaring that NOW Foods has exposed individuals to lead and/or cadmium without providing clear and reasonable warning; and
4. On all Causes of Action, for reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5 or the substantial benefit theory;
5. For costs of suit herein; and
6. For such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DATED: November 16, 2018

MICHAEL FREUND & ASSOCIATES

  
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Michael Freund  
Ryan Hoffman  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, INC.

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**EXHIBIT A**

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**Michael Freund, Esq.**

**Ryan Hoffman, Esq.**

January 29, 2018

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

Dear Alleged Violator and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

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

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

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

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

**NOW Health Group, Inc., individually and doing business as NOW Foods**

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

- 1. NOW Alfalfa Powder Green Superfood - Lead**
- 2. NOW Certified Organic Psyllium Husk Powder Soluble Fiber - Lead**
- 3. NOW Psyllium Husk Caps 700 mg Intestinal Health - Lead**
- 4. NOW Alfalfa 650 mg Green Superfood - Lead**
- 5. NOW Psyllium Husk Caps 500 mg Intestinal Health - Lead**
- 6. NOW Certified Organic Chlorella 500 mg Green Superfood - Lead**
- 7. NOW Certified Organic Barley Grass Green Superfood - Lead**
- 8. NOW Chlorella 400 mg Green Superfood - Lead**
- 9. NOW Acai SuperFruit Juice - Lead**
- 10. NOW Shark Cartilage 750 mg Promotes Skeletal Health - Lead**
- 11. NOW Probiotic Defense Healthy Intestinal Flora - Lead**
- 12. NOW Rei-Shi Mushrooms 270 mg Super Mushrooms - Lead**
- 13. NOW Whole Psyllium Husks Soluble Fiber - Lead**
- 14. NOW Certified Organic Chlorella Pure Powder Green Superfood - Lead**

**Exhibit A**

15. NOW Psyllium Husk Powder Soluble Fiber - Lead
16. NOW Bee Pollen Caps 500 mg Nutrient-Dense - Lead
17. NOW Green PhytoFoods Super Nutrient Blend - Lead
18. NOW Certified Organic Maca Pure Powder 6:1 Concentrate Reproductive Health - Lead
19. NOW Garcinia 1000 mg Healthy Metabolism - Lead
20. NOW Licorice Root 450 mg Herbal Supplement - Lead
21. NOW Detox Support Detoxification Formula - Lead
22. NOW Modified Citrus Pectin 800 mg Supports Healthy Detoxification - Lead
23. NOW Super Colostrum 500 mg Supports Immune Function - Lead
24. NOW Certified Organic Wheat Grass Green Superfood - Lead
25. NOW Graviola 500 mg Healthy Cell Function - Lead
26. NOW Natural Spirulina 500 mg Nutrient Rich Superfood - Lead
27. NOW Red Clover 375 mg Herbal Supplement - Lead
28. NOW Artichoke Extract 450 mg Digestive Health - Lead
29. NOW Certified Organic Fiber-3 Excellent Source of Fiber - Cadmium

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

Cadmium was officially listed as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity and male reproductive toxicity on May 1, 1997, while cadmium and cadmium compounds were listed as chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer on October 1, 1987.

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

**Route of Exposure.** The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the recommended use of these products. Consequently, the route of exposure to these chemicals has been and continues to be through ingestion.

**Approximate Time Period of Violations.** Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least January 29, 2015, as well as every day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until these known toxic chemicals are either removed from or reduced to allowable levels in the products. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemicals. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide persons handling and/or using these products with appropriate warnings that they are being exposed to these chemicals.

Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and a desire to have these ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that includes an enforceable written agreement by the Violator to: (1) reformulate the identified products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of these products; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with Proposition 65 to all persons located in California who purchased the above products in the last three years. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals, as well as an expensive and time-consuming litigation.

Notice of Violation of California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.*

January 29, 2018

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ERC has retained me as legal counsel in connection with this matter. **Please direct all communications regarding this Notice of Violation to my attention at the law office address and telephone number indicated on the letterhead or at [rrhoffma@gmail.com](mailto:rrhoffma@gmail.com).**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Hoffman", written over a horizontal line.

Ryan Hoffman

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to NOW Health Group, Inc., individually and doing business as NOW Foods and its Registered Agent for Service of Process only)

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

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

**Re: Environmental Research Center, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by NOW Health Group, Inc., individually and doing business as NOW Foods**

I, Ryan Hoffman, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached 60-day notice in which it is alleged that the party identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.

3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemicals that are the subject of the notice.

4. Based on the information obtained through those consultants, and on other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiff's case can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged Violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

5. Along with the copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General is attached additional factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: January 29, 2018



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Ryan Hoffman

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE PURSUANT TO 27 CCR § 25903**

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

I am a citizen of the United States and over the age of 18 years of age. My business address is 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. The envelope or package was placed in the mail at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

On January 29, 2018 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; “THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY”** on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties listed below and depositing it at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

Current President or CEO  
NOW Health Group, Inc., individually and  
doing business as NOW Foods  
244 Knollwood Drive  
Bloomington, IL 61018

Current President or CEO  
NOW Health Group, Inc., individually and  
doing business as NOW Foods  
575 Vista Boulevard  
Sparks, NV 89434

Current President or CEO  
NOW Health Group, Inc., individually and  
doing business as NOW Foods  
395 Glen Ellyn Road  
Bloomington, IL 61018

James P Emme  
(NOW Health Group, Inc., individually  
and doing business as NOW Food’s Registered  
Agent for Service of Process)  
244 Knollwood Drive  
Bloomington, IL 61018

On January 29, 2018 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I verified the following documents **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(d)(1)** were served on the following party when a true and correct copy thereof was uploaded on the California Attorney General’s website, which can be accessed at <https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice> :

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

On January 29, 2018 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I verified the following documents **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** were served on the following parties when a true and correct copy thereof was sent via electronic mail to each of the parties listed below:

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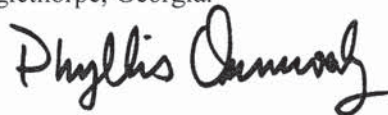
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## APPENDIX A

### 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. The reader is directed to the statute and OEHHA 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.<sup>1</sup> These implementing regulations are available online at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html>.

#### *WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?*

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<sup>1</sup> All further regulatory references are to sections of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations unless otherwise indicated. The statute, regulations and relevant case law are available on the OEHHA website at: <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html>.

**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](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 make known 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 Period.** 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.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

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<sup>2</sup> See Section 25501(a)(4).

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 copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included in Appendix B and can be downloaded from OEHHA's website at:  
<http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65law72003.html>.

*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](mailto:P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov).

Revised: May 2017

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 25249.12, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25249.5, 25249.6, 25249.7, 25249.9, 25249.10 and 25249.11, Health and Safety Code.

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**EXHIBIT B**

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July 24, 2018

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

Dear Alleged Violator and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

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

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

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

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

**NOW Health Group, Inc., individually and doing business as NOW Foods**

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

- 1. NOW Pau D’ Arco 500 mg of Inner Bark Herbal Support - Lead**
- 2. NOW Argentine Beef Liver Powder Super Food - Lead**
- 3. NOW Modified Citrus Pectin Pure Powder Supports Healthy Detoxification - Lead**
- 4. NOW Liver Caps Supports Liver Health - Lead**
- 5. NOW Elderberry & Zinc Supports Immune System - Lead**
- 6. Protocol For Life Balance Milk Thistle Extract 300 mg - Lead**
- 7. NOW Sports Soy Protein Isolate Natural Vanilla - Lead**
- 8. NOW Sports Soy Protein Isolate Natural Chocolate - Lead**
- 9. NOW Sports Fit & Tone Protein Mocha Flavor - Lead**
- 10. NOW Sports Plant Protein Complex Chocolate Mocha - Lead**
- 11. NOW Sports Pea Protein Vanilla Toffee - Lead**
- 12. NOW Sports Pea Protein Dutch Chocolate – Lead, Cadmium**
- 13. NOW Sports Organic Plant Protein Natural Vanilla – Lead, Cadmium**
- 14. NOW Sports Organic Plant Protein Natural Unflavored – Lead, Cadmium**
- 15. NOW Sports Organic Pea Protein Natural Chocolate - Lead**

**Exhibit B**



## 16. NOW Sports Organic Pea Protein Natural Vanilla - Lead

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

Cadmium was officially listed as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity and male reproductive toxicity on May 1, 1997, while cadmium and cadmium compounds were listed as chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer on October 1, 1987.

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


**Route of Exposure.** The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the recommended use of these products. Consequently, the route of exposure to these chemicals has been and continues to be through ingestion.

**Approximate Time Period of Violations.** Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least July 24, 2015, as well as every day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until these known toxic chemicals are either removed from or reduced to allowable levels in the products. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemicals. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide persons ingesting these products with appropriate warnings that they are being exposed to these chemicals.

Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and a desire to have these ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that includes an enforceable written agreement by the Violator to: (1) reformulate the identified products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of these products; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with Proposition 65 to all persons located in California who purchased the above products in the last three years. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals, as well as an expensive and time-consuming litigation.

ERC has retained me as legal counsel in connection with this matter. **Please direct all communications regarding this Notice of Violation to my attention at the law office address and telephone number indicated on the letterhead or at [rrhoffma@gmail.com](mailto:rrhoffma@gmail.com).**

Sincerely,



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Ryan Hoffman

### Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to NOW Health Group, Inc., individually and doing business as NOW Foods and its Registered Agent for Service of Process only)

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

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

**Re: Environmental Research Center, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by NOW Health Group, Inc., individually and doing business as NOW Foods**

I, Ryan Hoffman, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached 60-day notice in which it is alleged that the party identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.

3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemicals that are the subject of the notice.

4. Based on the information obtained through those consultants, and on other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiff's case can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged Violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

5. Along with the copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General is attached additional factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: July 24, 2018



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Ryan Hoffman

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE PURSUANT TO 27 CCR § 25903**

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

I am a citizen of the United States and over the age of 18 years of age. My business address is 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. The envelope or package was placed in the mail at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

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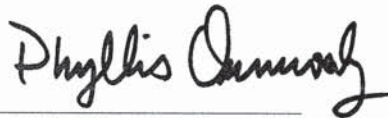
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On July 24, 2018, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** on each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto, and depositing it at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by First Class Mail.

Executed on July 24, 2018, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.



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## APPENDIX A

### 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. The reader is directed to the statute and OEHHA 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.<sup>1</sup> 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

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<sup>1</sup> All further regulatory references are to sections of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations unless otherwise indicated. The statute, regulations and relevant case law are available on the OEHHA website at: <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html>.

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](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 make known 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 Period.*** 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.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.

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<sup>2</sup> See Section 25501(a)(4).



## *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 copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included in Appendix B and can be downloaded from OEHHA's website at:  
<http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65law72003.html>.

*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](mailto:P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov).

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NOTE: Authority cited: Section 25249.12, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25249.5, 25249.6, 25249.7, 25249.9, 25249.10 and 25249.11, Health and Safety Code.