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10 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11 COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

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

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 NUTRAKEY, LLC, a Florida limited liability
17 company and MACROCAP LABS, INC., a
18 Florida corporation,

19 Defendants.

CASE NO. RG18915863

ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO
HONORABLE MICHAEL MARKMAN,
DEPARTMENT 16

**THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND CIVIL
PENALTIES**

Health & Safety Code §25249.5, *et seq.*

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23 Plaintiff ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, INC. ("Plaintiff" or "ERC")
24 brings this action in the interests of the general public and hereby alleges:

25 **INTRODUCTION**

26 1. This action seeks to remedy the continuing failure of Defendants NUTRAKEY, LLC
27 ("NUTRAKEY") and MACROCAP LABS, INC. ("MACROCAP LABS") (hereinafter referred
28 to individually as "DEFENDANT" or collectively as "DEFENDANTS") to warn consumers in

BY FAX

1 California that they are being exposed to lead and/or cadmium, substances known to the State of
2 California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.

3 2. DEFENDANTS manufacture, package, distribute, market, and/or sell, in California,
4 certain PRODUCTS containing lead and/or cadmium, including each of the following products
5 (“PRODUCTS”):

- 6 (1) N NutraKey Iso Optima With Hydrolyzed Whey Protein Isolate Chocolate Ice Cream
7 Swirl;
- 8 (2) N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Hydro Pump Strawberry Lemonade;
- 9 (3) N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Hydro Pump Cotton Candy;
- 10 (4) N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Hydro Pump;
- 11 (5) N NutraKey Whey Optima Premium Protein Complex Chocolate Lava Cake;
- 12 (6) N NutraKey Whey Optima Premium Protein Complex Cookies & Cream;
- 13 (7) N NutraKey Raw Plant Protein VPro Vanilla;
- 14 (8) N NutraKey Raw Plant Protein VPro Vegan Mochaccino;
- 15 (9) N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Spirulina Antioxidant Superfood;
- 16 (10) N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Antler Test Strength & Muscle Builder;
- 17 (11) N NutraKey Whey Optima Premium Protein Complex Salted Caramel Peanut Butter
18 Cup;
- 19 (12) N NutraKey Whey Optima Premium Protein Complex Vanilla Ice Cream Cookie;
- 20 (13) N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Garcinia Cambogia with White Kidney Bean
21 Extract Fat Loss & Metabolism;
- 22 (14) N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Tribulus Pure Terrestris Strength &
23 Performance;
- 24 (15) N Nutrakey Tru PRE Precision Formulated Pre-Workout Rainbow;
- 25 (16) N Nutrakey Health Performance Inc. Garcinia Cambogia Fat Loss & Metabolism;
- 26 (17) N Nutrakey Inc Health Performance Tone Complex Fat Loss & Metabolism;
- 27 (18) N Nutrakey Tru PRE Precision Formulated Pre-Workout Blue Rock Candy;
- 28 (19) N Nutrakey Tru PRE Precision Formulated Pre-Workout Sour Gummy Worms;

- 1 (20) N NutraKey Tru Pre Precision Formulated Pre-Workout Tahitian Fruit Punch;
2 (21) N NutraKey Raw Plant Protein VPro Vegan Chocolate;
3 (22) N NutraKey Raw Plant Protein VPro Vegan Vanilla Cookies;
4 (23) N NutraKey Raw Plant Protein Vpro Vegan Natural;
5 (24) N NutraKey Vegan Vpro Raw Plant Protein Chocolate Bar.

6 3. Lead and lead compounds and/or cadmium (hereinafter, the “LISTED
7 CHEMICALS”) are substances known to the State¹ of California to cause cancer, birth defects,
8 and other reproductive harm. Proposition 65 requires that consumers must be warned before
9 they are exposed to the LISTED CHEMICALS.

10 4. The ingestion of the PRODUCTS causes exposures to the LISTED CHEMICALS at
11 levels requiring a “clear and reasonable warning” under California's Safe Drinking Water and
12 Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Health & Safety Code (“H&S Code”) Section 25249.5, *et seq.*
13 (also known and referred to herein as “Proposition 65”).

14 5. DEFENDANTS have failed to provide the health hazard warnings required by
15 Proposition 65.

16 6. DEFENDANTS’ past and continuing manufacturing, packaging, distributing,
17 marketing, and/or sales of the PRODUCTS, without the required health hazard warnings, causes
18 or threatens to cause individuals to be involuntarily and unwittingly exposed to levels of the
19 LISTED CHEMICALS that violate or threaten to violate Proposition 65. As a proximate result
20 of these actions, DEFENDANTS have violated, are violating, and will continue to violate,
21 Proposition 65.

22 7. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief enjoining DEFENDANTS from the continued
23 manufacturing, packaging, distributing, marketing, and/or sales of the PRODUCTS in
24 California without provision of clear and reasonable warnings regarding the risks of cancer,
25 birth defects, and other reproductive harm posed by exposure to the LISTED CHEMICALS
26 through the ingestion of the PRODUCTS. Plaintiff seeks an injunctive order compelling
27 DEFENDANTS to bring their business practices into compliance with Proposition 65 by
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¹All statutory and regulatory references herein are to California law, unless otherwise specified.

1 providing a clear and reasonable warning to each individual who has been, and who in the
2 future may be, exposed to the LISTED CHEMICALS from the ingestion of the PRODUCTS.
3 Plaintiff also seeks an order compelling DEFENDANTS to identify and locate each individual
4 person who has purchased the PRODUCTS in the past, and to provide to each such purchaser a
5 clear and reasonable warning that ingestion of the PRODUCTS will cause exposures to the
6 LISTED CHEMICALS.

7 8. In addition to injunctive relief, Plaintiff seeks an assessment of civil penalties up to
8 the maximum civil penalty of \$2,500 per day per exposure authorized by Proposition 65 to
9 remedy DEFENDANTS' failure to provide clear and reasonable warnings regarding exposures
10 to the LISTED CHEMICALS.

11 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

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

16 10. This Court has jurisdiction over DEFENDANTS because, based on information and
17 belief, DEFENDANTS are businesses having sufficient minimum contacts with California, or
18 otherwise intentionally availing themselves of the California market through the distribution
19 and sale of the PRODUCTS in the State of California, to render the exercise of jurisdiction over
20 them by the California courts permissible under traditional notions of fair play and substantial
21 justice.

22 11. Venue in this action is proper in this Court because the DEFENDANTS have
23 violated or threaten to violate California law in the County of Alameda.

24 **PARTIES**

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

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

3 14. DEFENDANT NUTRAKEY is a limited liability company organized under the laws
4 of the State of Florida and is a person doing business within the meaning of H&S Code Section
5 25249.11. DEFENDANT manufactures, packages, distributes, markets, and/or sells the
6 PRODUCTS for sale or use in California and in Alameda County.

7 15. DEFENDANT MACROCAP LABS is a corporation organized under the laws of the
8 State of Florida and is a person doing business within the meaning of H&S Code Section
9 25249.11. DEFENDANT manufactures, packages, distributes, markets, and/or sells the
10 PRODUCTS for sale or use in California and in Alameda County.

11 16. ERC is informed and believes, and on that basis herein alleges, that DEFENDANTS
12 are engaged in a joint venture, alter ego, or single enterprise situation and are, therefore, liable
13 for each other's failures to comply with Proposition 65 as alleged in this Action.

14 **STATUTORY BACKGROUND**

15 17. The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 is an initiative statute
16 passed as "Proposition 65" by a vote of the People of the State of California in 1986. In passing
17 Proposition 65, the People declared in their right "[t]o be informed about exposures to
18 chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm." Section 1(b) of Initiative
19 Measure, Proposition 65.

20 18. To effectuate this goal, Proposition 65 requires that individuals be provided with a
21 "clear and reasonable warning" before being exposed to substances listed by the State of
22 California as causing cancer or reproductive toxicity. H&S Code Section 25249.6 states, in
23 pertinent part:

24 No person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally
25 expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or
26 reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such
individual....

27 19. "Knowingly" refers only to knowledge of the fact that a discharge of, release of, or
28 exposure to a chemical listed pursuant to H&S Code Section 25249.8(a) of the Act is occurring.

1 No knowledge that the discharge, release, or exposure is unlawful is required.” 27 California
2 Code of Regulations (“CCR”) § 25102(n).

3 20. Proposition 65 establishes a procedure by which the Governor lists a chemical
4 known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity. H&S Code § 25249.8. The warning
5 requirements under Proposition 65 for a given chemical go into effect one year after the
6 Governor places that chemical on the list. H&S Code § 25249.10(b).

7 21. Proposition 65 provides that any “person who violates or threatens to violate” the
8 warning requirements of the statute may be enjoined in a court of competent jurisdiction. H&S
9 Code § 25249.7. The phrase “threaten to violate” is defined to mean creating “a condition in
10 which there is a substantial probability that a violation will occur.” H&S Code § 25249.11(e).

11 22. Violators are liable for civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation of
12 the Act. H&S Code § 25249.7.

13 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

14 23. On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed the chemical lead as a
15 chemical known to cause reproductive toxicity. Lead became subject to the warning
16 requirement one year later and was therefore subject to the “clear and reasonable” warning
17 requirements of Proposition 65 beginning on February 27, 1988. H&S Code § 25249.5, *et seq.*;
18 27 CCR § 25000, *et seq.* Due to the high toxicity of lead, the maximum allowable dose level for
19 lead is 0.5 micrograms a day (“µg/day”) for reproductive toxicity. 27 CCR § 25805(b).

20 24. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed the chemicals lead and
21 lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer. Lead and lead compounds became subject
22 to the warning requirement one year later and were therefore subject to the “clear and
23 reasonable” warning requirements of Proposition 65 beginning on October 1, 1993. 27 CCR
24 § 25102, *et seq.*; H&S Code § 25249.6, *et seq.* Due to the carcinogenicity of lead, the no
25 significant risk level for lead is 15 µg/day. 27 CCR § 25705(b)(1).

26 25. On May 1, 1997, the State of California officially listed the chemical cadmium as a
27 chemical known to cause reproductive toxicity. Cadmium became subject to the warning
28 requirement one year later and was therefore subject to the "clear and reasonable" warning

1 requirements of Proposition 65 beginning on May 1, 1998. 27 CCR § 25000, et seq.; H&S
2 Code §25249.5, et seq. Due to the high toxicity of cadmium, the maximum allowable dose
3 level for cadmium is 4.10 µg/day (micrograms a day) for reproductive toxicity. 27 CCR §
4 25805(b).

5 26. On October 1, 1987, the State of California officially listed the chemicals cadmium
6 and cadmium compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer. Cadmium and cadmium
7 compounds became subject to the warning requirement one year later and were therefore subject
8 to the "clear and reasonable" warning requirements of Proposition 65 beginning on October 1,
9 1988. 27 CCR § 25000, et seq.; H&S Code §25249.6 et seq.

10 27. The PRODUCTS have been sold by DEFENDANTS for use in California since at
11 least May 10, 2015.

12 28. To test DEFENDANTS' PRODUCTS for lead and/or cadmium, Plaintiff hired a
13 well-respected and accredited testing laboratory. The results of testing undertaken by Plaintiff of
14 DEFENDANT's PRODUCTS show that the PRODUCTS were in violation of the 0.5 µg/day
15 "safe harbor" daily dose limits for lead and/or 4.10 µg/day "safe harbor" daily dose limits for
16 cadmium set forth in Proposition 65's regulations. Very significant is the fact that people are
17 being exposed to lead and/or cadmium through ingestion as opposed to other, less harmful,
18 methods of exposure such as dermal exposure. Ingestion of lead and/or cadmium produces much
19 higher exposure levels and health risks than dermal exposure to this chemical.

20 29. At all times relevant to this action, DEFENDANTS, therefore, have knowingly and
21 intentionally exposed the users of the PRODUCTS to the LISTED CHEMICALS without first
22 giving a clear and reasonable warning to such individuals.

23 30. On May 10, 2018, July 11, 2018, March 6, 2019, and March 18, 2019, Plaintiff
24 served DEFENDANTS and each of the appropriate public enforcement agencies with 60-Day
25 Notices of Proposition 65 violations documents entitled "Notice of Violations of California
26 Health & Safety Code §25249.5 ("Notices"). A true and correct copy of the Notices are attached
27 hereto as Exhibits A, B, C, and D respectively, and each is incorporated herein by reference.
28 The Notices were issued pursuant to, and in compliance with, the requirements of H&S Code

1 Section 25249.7(d) and the statute's implementing regulations regarding the notice of the
2 violations to be given to certain public enforcement agencies and to the violator. The Notices
3 included, *inter alia*, the following information: the name, address, and telephone number of the
4 noticing individual; the name of the alleged violator; the statute violated; the approximate time
5 period during which violations occurred; and descriptions of the violations, including the
6 chemicals involved, the route of toxic exposure, and the specific product or type of product
7 causing the violations, and was issued as follows:

- 8 a. DEFENDANTS were provided a copy of the Notices by Certified Mail;
- 9 b. DEFENDANTS were provided a copy of a document entitled "The Safe
10 Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A
11 Summary," which is also known as Appendix A to Title 27 of CCR
12 Section 25903 with each Notice;
- 13 c. The California Attorney General was provided a copy of the Notices via
14 online submission; and
- 15 d. The California Attorney General was provided with Certificates of Merit
16 by the attorney for the noticing party, stating that there is a reasonable
17 and meritorious case for this action, and attaching factual information
18 sufficient to establish a basis for the certificate, including the identity of
19 the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and the facts,
20 studies, or other data reviewed by those persons, pursuant to H&S Code
21 Section 25249.7(h) (2).
- 22 e. The District Attorneys, city attorneys or prosecutors of each jurisdiction
23 within which the PRODUCTS are offered for sale within California were
24 provided with a copy of the Notices via first class mail or electronic
25 submission pursuant to H&S Code Section 25249.7(d)(1).

26 31. DEFENDANTS' sales of the PRODUCTS have resulted in numerous exposures
27 without the warnings required by Proposition 65 since at least May 10, 2017, July 11, 2017,
28 March 6, 2018, and March 18, 2018, the one-year periods preceding Plaintiff's May 10, 2018,

1 July 11, 2018, March 6, 2019, and March 18, 2019 Notices, respectively. These exposures entitle
2 the Court to award civil penalties for the applicable statutory penalty period, which is one year
3 prior to the date of the Notice of Violation. CCP § 340; *Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc.*, 150
4 Cal.App.4th at 981.

5 32. DEFENDANTS' sales of the PRODUCTS have resulted in numerous exposures
6 without the warnings required by Proposition 65 since at least May 10, 2015, July 11, 2015,
7 March 6, 2016, and March 18, 2016, the three-year periods preceding the respective May 10,
8 2018, July 11, 2018, March 6, 2019, and March 18, 2019 Notices that are relevant to Plaintiff's
9 prayer for injunctive relief. H&S Code § 25249.7(a); CCP § 338.

10 33. The imposition of a civil penalty will have a deterrent economic effect in that it is
11 likely to deter future conduct in violation of Proposition 65 by DEFENDANTS and the
12 regulated community as a whole.

13 34. The PRODUCTS continue to be distributed and sold in California without the
14 requisite warning information.

15 35. At least 60 days have elapsed since Plaintiff sent the Notices to DEFENDANTS.
16 The appropriate public enforcement agencies have failed to commence and diligently prosecute
17 a cause of action under Proposition 65 against DEFENDANTS based on the allegations herein.

18 36. As a proximate result of acts by DEFENDANTS, as persons in the course of doing
19 business within the meaning of H&S Code Section 25249.11, individuals throughout the State
20 of California, including in the County of Alameda, have been exposed to the LISTED
21 CHEMICALS without a clear and reasonable warning. The individuals subject to the illegal
22 exposures include normal and foreseeable users of the PRODUCTS, as well as all other persons
23 exposed to the PRODUCTS.

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1 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **(Injunctive Relief for Violations of Health and Safety Code Section 25249.5, et seq.**
3 **Concerning the PRODUCTS Described in the May 10, 2018, July 11, 2018, March 6, 2019,**
4 **and March 18, 2019 Proposition 65 Notices**
5 **By Plaintiff Against DEFENDANTS)**

6 37. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as if fully
7 set forth herein.

8 38. By committing the acts alleged in this Complaint DEFENDANTS, at all times
9 relevant to this action and continuing through the present, have violated H&S Code Section
10 25249.6 by, in the course of doing business, knowingly and intentionally exposing individuals
11 who ingest the PRODUCTS set forth in the Notices to the LISTED CHEMICALS, without first
12 providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individuals pursuant to H&S Code Sections
13 25249.6 and 25249.11(f).

14 39. By the above-described acts, DEFENDANTS have violated H&S Code Section
15 25249.6 and is therefore subject to an injunction ordering DEFENDANTS to stop violating
16 Proposition 65, to provide warnings to all present and future customers, and to provide warnings
17 to DEFENDANTS' past customers who purchased or used the PRODUCTS without receiving a
18 clear and reasonable warning.

19 40. An action for injunctive relief under Proposition 65 is specifically authorized by
20 H&S Code Section 25249.7(a).

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

24 Wherefore, Plaintiff prays judgment against DEFENDANTS, as set forth hereafter.

25 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

26 **(Civil Penalties for Violations of Health and Safety Code Section 25249.5, et seq.**
27 **Concerning the PRODUCTS Described in the May 10, 2018, July 11, 2018, March 6, 2019,**
28 **and March 18, 2019 Proposition 65 Notices**
29 **By Plaintiff Against DEFENDANTS)**

42. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as if fully

1 set forth herein.

2 43. By the above-described acts, DEFENDANTS are liable, pursuant to H&S Code
3 Section 25249.7(b), for a civil penalty of \$2,500 per day per violation for each unlawful
4 exposure to the LISTED CHEMICALS from the PRODUCTS.

5 Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment against DEFENDANTS, as set forth hereafter.

6 **THE NEED FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

7 44. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by this reference all preceding paragraphs as if
8 set forth below.

9 45. By committing the acts alleged in this Complaint, DEFENDANTS have caused
10 irreparable harm for which there is no plain, speedy, or adequate remedy at law. In the absence
11 of equitable relief, DEFENDANTS will continue to create a substantial risk of irreparable injury
12 by continuing to cause consumers to be involuntarily and unwittingly exposed to the LISTED
13 CHEMICALS through the ingestion of the PRODUCTS.

14 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

15 Wherefore, Plaintiff accordingly prays for the following relief:

16 A. A temporary restraining order, preliminary and permanent injunction,
17 pursuant to H&S Code Section 25249.7(a), enjoining DEFENDANTS, their agents,
18 employees, assigns and all persons acting in concert or participating with
19 DEFENDANTS, from distributing or selling the PRODUCTS in California without
20 first providing a clear and reasonable warning, within the meaning of Proposition 65,
21 that the ingestion of the PRODUCTS exposes consumers to the LISTED
22 CHEMICALS;

23 B. An injunctive order, pursuant to H&S Code Section 25249.7(a),
24 compelling DEFENDANTS to identify and locate each individual who has
25 purchased the PRODUCTS since May 10, 2015 and to provide a warning to each
26 such person that the use of the PRODUCTS will expose the user to a chemical
27 known to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm;

28 C. An assessment of civil penalties pursuant to H&S Code Section

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25249.7(b), against DEFENDANTS in the amount of \$2,500 per day for each violation of Proposition 65;

D. An award to Plaintiff of its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1021.5, as Plaintiff shall specify in further application to the Court; and

E. Such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: May 16, 2019

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(See Attached Certificate of Service)

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

Dear Addressees:

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

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

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

NutraKey, LLC

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

1. **N NutraKey Iso Optima With Hydrolyzed Whey Protein Isolate Chocolate Ice Cream Swirl - Lead**
2. **N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Hydro Pump Strawberry Lemonade - Lead**
3. **N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Hydro Pump Cotton Candy - Lead**
4. **N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Hydro Pump - Lead**
5. **N NutraKey Whey Optima Premium Protein Complex Chocolate Lava Cake - Lead**
6. **N NutraKey Whey Optima Premium Protein Complex Cookies & Cream - Lead**
7. **N NutraKey Raw Plant Protein VPro Vanilla - Lead**
8. **N NutraKey Raw Plant Protein VPro Vegan Mochaccino - Lead**
9. **N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Spirulina Antioxidant Superfood - Lead**
10. **N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Antler Test Strength & Muscle Builder - Lead**
11. **N NutraKey Whey Optima Premium Protein Complex Salted Caramel Peanut Butter Cup - Lead**
12. **N NutraKey Whey Optima Premium Protein Complex Vanilla Ice Cream Cookie - 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.

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

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

May 10, 2018

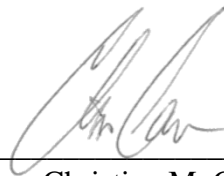
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The Violator has manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold the listed products, which have exposed and continue to expose numerous individuals within California to the identified chemical, lead. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the recommended use of these products by consumers. The primary route of exposure to lead has been through ingestion. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to lead. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide an appropriate warning to persons ingesting these products that they are being exposed to lead. Each of these ongoing violations has occurred on every day since May 10, 2015, as well as every day since the products were introduced in the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users.

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

ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall, and is located at 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. 619-500-3090. ERC has retained me in connection with this matter. We suggest that communications regarding this Notice of Violations should be directed to my attention at the above listed law office address and telephone number.

Sincerely,



Christina M. Caro

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to NutraKey, LLC and its Registered Agent for Service of Process only)

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

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

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

I, Christina Caro, declare:

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

Dated: May 10, 2018



Christina M. Caro

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 May 10, 2018 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; “THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY”** on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties listed below and depositing it in a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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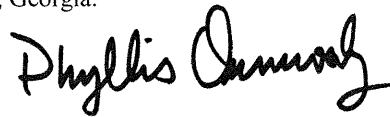
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Executed on May 10, 2018, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phyllis Dunwoody", written in a cursive style.

Phyllis Dunwoody

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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 27001.¹ These implementing regulations are available online at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html>.

WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?

¹ 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.

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 contaminant² 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

² 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.

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

Dear Addressees:

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

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

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

NutraKey, LLC

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

- 1. N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Garcinia Cambogia with White Kidney Bean Extract Fat Loss & Metabolism - Lead**
- 2. N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Tribulus Pure Terrestris Strength & Performance - Lead**
- 3. N Nutrakey Tru PRE Precision Formulated Pre-Workout Rainbow - Lead**
- 4. N Nutrakey Health Performance Inc. Garcinia Cambogia Fat Loss & Metabolism - Lead**
- 5. N Nutrakey Inc Health Performance Tone Complex Fat Loss & Metabolism - Lead**
- 6. N Nutrakey Tru PRE Precision Formulated Pre-Workout Blue Rock Candy - Lead**
- 7. N Nutrakey Tru PRE Precision Formulated Pre-Workout Sour Gummy Worms - Lead**
- 8. N NutraKey Tru Pre Precision Formulated Pre-Workout Tahitian Fruit Punch - Lead**
- 9. N NutraKey Raw Plant Protein VPro Vegan Chocolate – Lead, Cadmium**
- 10. N NutraKey Raw Plant Protein VPro Vegan Vanilla Cookies - 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.

This letter is a notice to the Violator and the appropriate governmental authorities of the Proposition 65 violations concerning the listed products. This notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 involving the Violator currently known to ERC from the information now available. ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations. A

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summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, is enclosed with the copy of this letter to the Violator.

The Violator has manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold the listed products, which have exposed and continue to expose numerous individuals within California to the identified chemicals, lead and cadmium. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the recommended use of these products by consumers. The primary route of exposure to lead and cadmium has been through ingestion. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to lead and cadmium. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide an appropriate warning to persons ingesting these products that they are being exposed to lead and cadmium. Each of these ongoing violations has occurred on every day since July 11, 2015, as well as every day since the products were introduced in the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users.

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

ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall, and is located at 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. 619-500-3090. ERC has retained me in connection with this matter. We suggest that communications regarding this Notice of Violations should be directed to my attention at the above listed law office address and telephone number.

Sincerely,



Christina M. Caro

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to NutraKey, LLC and its Registered Agent for Service of Process only)

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

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

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

I, Christina Caro, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the party identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.
3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed 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 11, 2018



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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 July 11, 2018, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; “THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY”** on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties listed below and depositing it in a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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Executed on July 11, 2018, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Phyllis Dunwoody". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "P" and "D".

Phyllis Dunwoody

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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 27001.¹ 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

¹ 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.

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 contaminant² 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.

² 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.

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

Dear Addressees:

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

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

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

NutraKey, LLC

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

- 1. N NutraKey Raw Plant Protein Vpro Vegan Natural - Lead**
- 2. N NutraKey Vegan Vpro Raw Plant Protein Chocolate Bar – Lead, 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.

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

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The Violator has manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold the listed products, which have exposed and continue to expose numerous individuals within California to the identified chemicals, lead and cadmium. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the recommended use of these products by consumers. The primary route of exposure to lead and/or cadmium has been through ingestion. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to lead and/or cadmium. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide an appropriate warning to persons ingesting these products that they are being exposed to lead and/or cadmium. Each of these ongoing violations has occurred on every day since March 6, 2016, as well as every day since the products were introduced in the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users.

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

ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall, and is located at 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. 619-500-3090. ERC has retained me in connection with this matter. We suggest that communications regarding this Notice of Violations should be directed to my attention at the above listed law office address and telephone number.

Sincerely,



Christina M. Caro

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to NutraKey, LLC and its Registered Agent for Service of Process only)

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

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

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

I, Christina Caro, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the party identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.
3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed 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: March 6, 2019



Christina M. Caro

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 March 6, 2019, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; “THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY”** on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties listed below and depositing it in a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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Executed on March 6, 2019, 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 27001.¹ 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

¹ 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.

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 contaminant² 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.

² 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.

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

Dear Addressees:

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

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

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

MacroCap Labs, Inc.

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

1. **N NutraKey Iso Optima With Hydrolyzed Whey Protein Isolate Chocolate Ice Cream Swirl - Lead**
2. **N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Hydro Pump Strawberry Lemonade - Lead**
3. **N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Hydro Pump Cotton Candy - Lead**
4. **N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Hydro Pump - Lead**
5. **N NutraKey Whey Optima Premium Protein Complex Chocolate Lava Cake - Lead**
6. **N NutraKey Whey Optima Premium Protein Complex Cookies & Cream - Lead**
7. **N NutraKey Raw Plant Protein VPro Vanilla - Lead**
8. **N NutraKey Raw Plant Protein VPro Vegan Mochaccino - Lead**
9. **N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Spirulina Antioxidant Superfood - Lead**
10. **N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Antler Test Strength & Muscle Builder - Lead**
11. **N NutraKey Whey Optima Premium Protein Complex Salted Caramel Peanut Butter Cup - Lead**
12. **N NutraKey Whey Optima Premium Protein Complex Vanilla Ice Cream Cookie - Lead**
13. **N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Garcinia Cambogia with White Kidney Bean Extract Fat Loss & Metabolism - Lead**

- 14. N NutraKey Health Performance Inc. Tribulus Pure Terrestris Strength & Performance - Lead**
- 15. N Nutrakey Tru PRE Precision Formulated Pre-Workout Rainbow - Lead**
- 16. N Nutrakey Health Performance Inc. Garcinia Cambogia Fat Loss & Metabolism - Lead**
- 17. N Nutrakey Inc Health Performance Tone Complex Fat Loss & Metabolism - Lead**
- 18. N Nutrakey Tru PRE Precision Formulated Pre-Workout Blue Rock Candy - Lead**
- 19. N Nutrakey Tru PRE Precision Formulated Pre-Workout Sour Gummy Worms - Lead**
- 20. N NutraKey Tru Pre Precision Formulated Pre-Workout Tahitian Fruit Punch - Lead**
- 21. N NutraKey Raw Plant Protein VPro Vegan Chocolate – Lead, Cadmium**
- 22. N NutraKey Raw Plant Protein VPro Vegan Vanilla Cookies - Lead**
- 23. N NutraKey Raw Plant Protein Vpro Vegan Natural - Lead**
- 24. N NutraKey Vegan Vpro Raw Plant Protein Chocolate Bar – Lead, 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.

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

The Violator has manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold the listed products, which have exposed and continue to expose numerous individuals within California to the identified chemicals, lead and/or cadmium. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the recommended use of these products by consumers. The primary route of exposure to lead and/or cadmium has been through ingestion. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to lead and/or cadmium. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. The Violator violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide an appropriate warning to persons ingesting these products that they are being exposed to lead and/or cadmium. Each of these ongoing violations has occurred on every day since March 18, 2016, as well as every day since the products were introduced in the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users.

Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, ERC intends to file a citizen enforcement action sixty days after effective service of this notice unless the Violator agrees in an enforceable written instrument to: (1) reformulate the listed products so as to eliminate further exposures to the

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identified chemicals; (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. Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and my client's objectives in pursuing this notice, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution to this matter. Such resolution will avoid both further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals and expensive and time-consuming litigation.

ERC's Executive Director is Chris Heptinstall, and is located at 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92108; Tel. 619-500-3090. ERC has retained me in connection with this matter. We suggest that communications regarding this Notice of Violations should be directed to my attention at the above listed law office address and telephone number.

Sincerely,



Christina M. Caro

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to MacroCap Labs, Inc. 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
MacroCap Labs, Inc.**

I, Christina Caro, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the party identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.
3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed 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: March 18, 2019



Christina M. Caro

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 March 18, 2019, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; “THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY”** on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties listed below and depositing it in a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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Executed on March 18, 2019, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phyllis Dunwoody". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Phyllis Dunwoody

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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 27001.¹ 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

¹ 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.

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 contaminant² 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.

² 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.

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.