From: Environmental Researc Fax: 18662346280 To: 5102675739@rcfax.com Fax: (510) 267-5739 Page: 3 of 30 06/14/2019 1:00 PM CM-010 ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Namo, State Bar number, and aedicos) — Charles W. Poss (SBN 325366) FOR COURT USE ONLY Environmental Research Center, Inc. 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400 San Diego, CA 92108 FILED BY FAX TELEPHONE NO.: 619-500-3090FAX NO. 706-858-0326 ALAMEDA COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc. June 14, 2019 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Alameda STREET ADDRESS: 1225 Fallon Street MAILING ADDRESS: 1225 Fallon Street CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT By Shabra Iyamu, Deputy CITY AND ZIP CODE: Oakland, CA 94612 BRANCH NAME: Rene C. Davidson CASE NUMBER: CASE NAME: RG19022985 Environmental Research Center, Inc. v. Body LLC et al. CASE NUMBER **CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET** Complex Case Designation ✓ Unlimited Limited ___ Joinder __ Counter (Amount (Amount JUDGE: demanded is Filed with first appearance by defendant demanded DEPT exceeds \$25,000) \$25,000 or less) (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3,402) Items 1-6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2). 1. Check one box below for the case type that best describes this case: Contract **Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation Auto Tort** (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403) Breach of contract/warranty (06) Auto (22) Antitrust/Trade regulation (03) Uninsured motorist (46) Rule 3.740 collections (09) Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Other collections (09) Construction defect (10) Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort Mass tort (40) Insurance coverage (18) Asbestos (04) Other contract (37) Securities litigation (28) Product liability (24) Real Property Environmental/Toxic tort (30) Medical malpractice (45) Eminent domain/Inverse Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41) condemnation (14) Other PI/PD/WD (23) Wrongful eviction (33) Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort Other real property (26) **Enforcement of Judgment** Business tort/unfair business practice (07) Unlawful Detainer Civil rights (08) Commercial (31) Miscellaneous Civil Complaint Defamation (13) Residential (32) Fraud (16) RICO (27) Intellectual property (19) Drugs (38) Other complaint (not specified above) (42) Judicial Review Professional negligence (25) Miscellaneous Civil Petition Asset forfeiture (05) Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35) Partnership and corporate governance (21) Petition re: arbitration award (11) **Employment** Other petition (not specified above) (43) Wrongful termination (36) Writ of mandate (02) Other employment (15) Other judicial review (39) is i ✓ is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the This case factors requiring exceptional judicial management: Large number of separately represented parties Large number of witnesses Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts h e l issues that will be time-consuming to resolve in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court c. I Substantial amount of documentary evidence 3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ✓ monetary b. 🗸 nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. ____punitive 4. Number of causes of action (specify): 2 is not a class action suit. This case is 6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.) Date: 6/14/2019 Charles W. Poss SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY) (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) NOTICE · Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result

File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.

- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- other parties to the action or proceeding.
 Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

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

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

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3,400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

Auto Tort

Auto (22)-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Uninsured Motorist (46) (if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/ Property Damage/Wrongful Death)

Asbestos (04) Asbestos Property Damage Asbestos Personal Injury/

Wrongful Death Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) (24)

Medical Malpractice (45)

Medical Malpractice-

Physicians & Surgeons Other Professional Health Care Malpractice

Other PI/PD/WD (23)

Premises Liability (e.g., slip

and fall)

Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD

(e.g., assault, vandalism)

Intentional Infliction of

Emotional Distress

Negligent Infliction of

Emotional Distress Other PI/PD/WD

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07)

Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination,

false arrest) (not civil harassment) (08)

Defamation (e.g., slander, libel)

(13)

Fraud (16)

Intellectual Property (19)

Professional Negligence (25)

Legal Malpractice

Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)

Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

Employment

Wrongful Termination (36) Other Employment (15)

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Contract

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06) Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer

> or wrongful eviction) Contract/Warranty Breach-Seller Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence)

Negligent Breach of Contract/ Warranty

Other Breach of Contract/Warranty Collections (e.g., money owed, open

book accounts) (09)

Collection Case-Seller Plaintiff Other Promissory Note/Collections

Case Insurance Coverage (not provisionally

complex) (18) Auto Subrogation

Other Coverage

Other Contract (37) Contractual Fraud

Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)

Wrongful Eviction (33)

Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26) Writ of Possession of Real Property

Mortgage Foreclosure

Quiet Title

Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, or

foreclosure)

Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)

Residential (32)

Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential)

Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)

Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)

Writ of Mandate (02)

Writ-Administrative Mandamus Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court

Case Matter

Writ-Other Limited Court Case

Review

Other Judicial Review (39)

Review of Health Officer Order Notice of Appeal-Labor Commissioner Appeals

Environmental/Toxic Tort (30) Insurance Coverage Claims

(arising from provisionally complex case type listed above) (41)

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal.

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03) Construction Defect (10)

Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)

Rules of Court Rules 3.400-3.403)

Securities Litigation (28)

Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20) Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)

> Confession of Judgment (nondomestic relations)

Sister State Judgment

Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)

Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes

Other Enforcement of Judgment

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)

Other Complaint (not specified above) (42)

Declaratory Relief Only Injunctive Relief Only (nonharassment)

Mechanics Lien

Other Commercial Complaint

Case (non-tort/non-complex) Other Civil Complaint

(non-tort/non-complex)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate Governance (21)

Other Petition (not specified

above) (43) Civil Harassment Workplace Violence

Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse

Election Contest

Petition for Name Change Petition for Relief From Late

Claim

Other Civil Petition

F. ADDENDUM TO CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET

Short Title: Environmental Research Center, Inc. v. Body LLC et al.

Case Number:

CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM

THIS FORM IS REQUIRED IN ALL NEW <u>UNLIMITED</u> CIVIL CASE FILINGS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA					
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Civil Case Cover Sheet Category	Civil Case Cover Sheet Case Type	Alame	da Co	ounty Case Type (check only	one)
Auto Tort	Auto tort (22)	[]	34	Auto tort (G)	
		Is this	an uni	nsured motorist case? [] yes [] no
Other PI /PD /	Asbestos (04)	[]	75	Asbestos (D)	
WD Tort	Product liability (24)	[]	89	Product liability (<u>not</u> asbestos or tox	ic tort/environmental) (G)
	Medical malpractice (45)	[]	97	Medical malpractice (G)	
	Other PI/PD/WD tort (23)	[]	33	Other PI/PD/WD tort (G)	
Non - PI /PD /	Bus tort / unfair bus. practice (07)	[]	79	Bus tort / unfair bus. practice (G)	
WD Tort	Civil rights (08)	[]	80	Civil rights (G)	
	Defamation (13)	[]	84	Defamation (G)	
	Fraud (16)	[]	24	Fraud (G)	
	Intellectual property (19)	[]	87	Intellectual property (G)	
	Professional negligence (25)	[]	59	Professional negligence - non-medi	cal (G)
	Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)	[]	03	Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (G)	
Employment	Wrongful termination (36)	[]	38	Wrongful termination (G)	
	Other employment (15)	[]	85	Other employment (G)	
		[]	53	Labor comm award confirmation	
		[]	54	Notice of appeal - L.C.A.	
Contract	Breach contract / Wrnty (06)	[]	04	Breach contract / Wrnty (G)	
	Collections (09)	[]	81	Collections (G)	
	Insurance coverage (18)	[]	86	Ins. coverage - non-complex (G)	
	Other contract (37)	[]	98	Other contract (G)	
Real Property	Eminent domain / Inv Cdm (14)	[]	18	Eminent domain / Inv Cdm (G)	
	Wrongful eviction (33)	[]	17	Wrongful eviction (G)	
	Other real property (26)	<u> </u>	36	Other real property (G)	
Unlawful Detainer	Commercial (31)	[]	94	Unlawful Detainer - commercial	Is the deft. in possession
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	Other judicial review (39)	[]	64	Other judicial review	
Provisionally	Antitrust / Trade regulation (03)	[]	77	Antitrust / Trade regulation	
Complex	Construction defect (10)	[]	82	Construction defect	
	Claims involving mass tort (40)	[]	78	Claims involving mass tort	
	Securities litigation (28)	[]	91	Securities litigation	
	Toxic tort / Environmental (30)	[]	93	Toxic tort / Environmental	
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Enforcement of	Enforcement of judgment (20)	[]	19	Enforcement of judgment	
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Misc Complaint	RICO (27)	[]	90	RICO (G)	
	Partnership / Corp. governance (21)	[]	88	Partnership / Corp. governance (G)	
	Other complaint (42)	[x]	68	All other complaints (G)	
Misc. Civil Petition	Other petition (43)	[]	06	Change of name	
		Lú	69	Other petition	

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

BODY LLC, individually and dba BODY NUTRITION; (Additional Parties Attachment Form is attached).

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

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

FOR COURT USE ONLY (SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE)

FILED BY FAX

ALAMEDA COUNTY

June 14, 2019

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT By Shabra Iyamu, Deputy

By Shabia Iyama, Bopaty

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia, org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:

(El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Alameda County Superior Court

CASE NUMEER (Número del Caso):

RG19022985

1225 Fallon Street

Oakland, California 94612

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Charles W. Poss, ERC, Inc., 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Ste. 40^{^-} Goto Diego, CA 92108 (619) 500-3090

DATE: June 14, 2019 Clerk, by (Secretario)

Clerk, by , Deputy (Secretario) _____ (Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citatión use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).



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1.		as an individual defendant.
2.		as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):
3.		on behalf of (specify):

under:	CCP 416.10 (corporation)	CCP 416.60 (minor)
	CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation)	CCP 416.70 (conservatee)
	CCP 416.40 (association or partnership)	CCP 416.90 (authorized person)
	other (specify):	

4. by personal delivery on *(date)*:

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SHORT TITLE:	CASE NUMBER:	
_ Environmental Research Center, Inc. v. Body LLC et al.		
INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE → This form may be used as an attachment to any summons if space does not permit the listing of all parties on the summons. → If this attachment is used, insert the following statement in the plaintiff or defendant box on the summons: "Additional Parties Attachment form is attached."		
List additional parties (Check only one box. Use a separate page for each type of party.):		
☐ Plaintiff ✓ Defendant ☐ Cross-Complainant ☐ Cross-Defe	ndant	
SABER FOODS, LLC, individually and dba BODY NUTRITION; and	DOES 1-100	

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To: 5102675739@rcfax.com Fax: (510) 267-5739 06/14/2019 1:00 PM From: Environmental Researc Fax: 18662346280 Page: 8 of 30 FILED BY FAX ALAMEDA COUNTY 1 Charles W. Poss (SBN 325366) Environmental Research Center, Inc. June 14, 2019 2 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400 CLERK OF San Diego, CA 92108 THE SUPERIOR COURT 3 By Shabra Iyamu, Deputy Ph: (619) 500-3090 CASE NUMBER: 4 Fax: (706) 858-0326 RG19022985 5 Attorney for Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc. 6 7 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 **COUNTY OF ALAMEDA** 10 11 ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CASE NO. CENTER, INC., a California non-profit 12 corporation COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF AND 13 Plaintiff, CIVIL PENALTIES 14 VS. [Miscellaneous Civil Complaint (42)] 15 BODY LLC, individually and dba BODY Proposition 65, Health & Safety Code NUTRITION; SABER FOODS, LLC, Section 25249.5 et seq.] 16 individually and dba BODY NUTRITION; 17 and DOES 1-100 18 Defendants. 19 20 Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc. hereby alleges: 21 22 INTRODUCTION 23 1. Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc. (hereinafter "Plaintiff" or "ERC") brings 24 this action as a private attorney general enforcer and in the public interest pursuant to Health & 25 Safety Code section 25249.7, subdivision (d). The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic 26 Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code section 25249.5 et seq.) also known as 27 "Proposition 65," mandates that businesses with ten or more employees must provide a "clear 28 and reasonable warning" prior to exposing any individual to a chemical known to the state to Page 1 of 9 Complaint for Injunctive and Declaratory Relief and Civil Penalties

cause cancer or reproductive toxicity. Lead is a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm. This Complaint seeks injunctive and declaratory relief and civil penalties to remedy the ongoing failure of Defendants Body LLC, individually and dba Body Nutrition and Saber Foods, LLC, individually and dba Body Nutrition (collectively "Body Nutrition") and Does 1-100 (hereinafter individually referred to as "Defendant" or collectively as "Defendants"), to warn consumers that they have been exposed to lead from a number of Body Nutrition's nutritional health products as set forth in paragraph 3 at levels exceeding the applicable Maximum Allowable Dose Level ("MADL") and requiring a warning pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 25249.6.

II

PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by reducing the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.
- 3. Defendant Body Nutrition is a business that develops, manufactures, markets, distributes, and/or sells nutritional health products that have exposed users to lead in the State of California within the relevant statute of limitations period. These "SUBJECT PRODUCTS" (as identified in the Notice of Violation dated April 4, 2019 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**) are: (1) Body Nutrition Gardenia All-Natural Vegan Protein Vanilla Bean, (2) Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Chocolate Peanut Butter Cup, (3) Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Cinnabun, (4) Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Red Velvet Cake, (5) Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Strawberries & Cream, (6) Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Peanut Butter-Marshmallow Cookie, (7) Body Nutrition Gardenia All-Natural Vegan Protein Cinnabun, (8) Body Nutrition Iso-ology Leucine Enhanced Whey Isolate CinnaBun, (9) Body Nutrition Power Pudding Instant Protein Pudding Mix Vanilla, (10) Body Nutrition Power Pudding Instant Protein Pudding Mix Chocolate, (11) Body Nutrition Trutein

minimum contacts with California, and otherwise intentionally avails itself of the California

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market through the marketing, distribution, and/or sale of the SUBJECT PRODUCTS in the State of California so as to render the exercise of jurisdiction over it by the California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

- 7. The Complaint is based on allegations contained in the Notice of Violation dated April 4, 2019, served on the California Attorney General, other public enforcers, and Body Nutrition. The Notice of Violation constitutes adequate notice to Body Nutrition because it provided adequate information to allow Body Nutrition to assess the nature of the alleged violations, consistent with Proposition 65 and its implementing regulations. A certificate of merit and a certificate of service accompanied each copy of the Notice of Violation, and both certificates comply with Proposition 65 and its implementing regulations. The Notice of Violation served on Body Nutrition also included a copy of "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary." Service of the Notice of Violation and accompanying documents complied with Proposition 65 and its implementing regulations. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of this Notice of Violation and associated documents. More than 60 days have passed since ERC mailed the Notice of Violation and no public enforcement entity has filed a Complaint in this case.
- 8. This Court is the proper venue for the action because the causes of action have arisen in the County of Alameda where some of the violations of law have occurred, and will continue to occur, due to the ongoing sale of Body Nutrition's products. Furthermore, venue is proper in this Court under Code of Civil Procedure section 395.5 and Health & Safety Code section 25249.7.

IV

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

- 9. The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 is an initiative statute passed as "Proposition 65" by an overwhelming majority vote of the people in November of 1986.
- 10. The warning requirement of Proposition 65 is contained in Health & Safety Code section 25249.6, which provides:

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

11. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"), a division of Cal EPA, is the lead agency in charge of the implementation of Proposition 65. OEHHA administers the Proposition 65 program and administers regulations that govern Proposition 65 in general, including warnings to comply with the statute. The warning regulations are found at Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, Article 6. The regulations define expose as "to cause to ingest, inhale, contact via body surfaces or otherwise come into contact with a listed chemical. An individual may come into contact with a listed chemical through water, air, food, consumer products and any other environmental exposure as well as occupational exposures." (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27, § 25102, subd. (i).)

- 12. In this case, the exposures are caused by consumer products. A consumer product is defined as "any article, or component part thereof, including food, that is produced, distributed, or sold for the personal use, consumption or enjoyment of a consumer." (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27, § 25600.1, subd. (d).) Food includes "dietary supplements as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 10200." (*Id.* at subd. (g).) A consumer product exposure is "an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or any reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer product, including consumption of a food." (*Id.* at subd. (e).)
- 13. On August 30, 2016, the Office of Administrative Law approved the adoption of OEHHA's amendments to Article 6, Clear and Reasonable Warnings of the California Code of Regulations. This action repealed virtually all the regulatory provisions of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, Article 6 (sections 25601 et seq.) The action replaced the repealed sections with a new regulation set forth in two new Subarticles to Article 6 that became operative on August 30, 2018. The repealed and new regulations provide, among other things, methods of transmission and content of warnings deemed to comply with Proposition

65. Body Nutrition is subject to the warning regulations set forth both prior to and subsequent to August 30, 2018.

14. Prior to the enactment of the new warning regulations, whenever a clear and reasonable warning was required under Health & Safety Code section 25249.6, the "method employed to transmit the warning must be reasonably calculated considering the alternative methods available under the circumstances, to make the warning message available prior to exposure." (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27, §25601.) The warning requirement would be satisfied by a warning that appeared on a product's label or other labeling, shelf labeling, signs, a system of signs, public advertising identifying the system and toll-free information services, or any other system, that provided clear and reasonable warnings. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27, §25603.1, subd. (a)-(d).)

Pursuant to the new warning regulations, consumer product warnings "must be prominently displayed on a label, labeling, or sign, and must be displayed with such conspicuousness as compared with other words, statements, designs or devices on the label, labeling, or sign, as to render the warning likely to be seen, read, and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase or use." (*Id.* at § 25601, subd. (c).)

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

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

17. Proposition 65 provides that any person "violating or threatening to violate" Proposition 65 may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction. (Health & Safety Code, §25249.7, subd. (a).) To "threaten to violate" means "to create a condition in which there is a substantial probability that a violation will occur." (Health & Safety Code, § 25249.11, subd. (e).) Furthermore, violators are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. (Health & Safety Code, § 25249.7, subd. (b)(1).)

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

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

19. Body Nutrition has developed, manufactured, marketed, distributed, and/or sold the SUBJECT PRODUCTS containing lead into the State of California. Consumption of the SUBJECT PRODUCTS according to the directions and/or recommendations provided for said products causes consumers to be exposed to lead at levels exceeding the 0.5 micrograms per day MADL and requiring a warning. Consumers have been ingesting these products for many years, without any knowledge of their exposure to this very dangerous chemical.

20. For many years, Body Nutrition has knowingly and intentionally exposed numerous persons to lead without providing any type of Proposition 65 warning. Prior to ERC's Notice of Violation and this Complaint, Body Nutrition failed to provide a warning on the labels of the SUBJECT PRODUCTS or provide any other legally acceptable warning. Body Nutrition has, at all times relevant hereto, been aware that the SUBJECT PRODUCTS contained lead and that persons using these products have been exposed to this chemical. Body Nutrition has been aware of the presence of lead in the SUBJECT PRODUCTS and has failed to disclose the presence of this chemical to the public, who undoubtedly believe they have been ingesting totally healthy and pure products pursuant to the company's statements.

21. Both prior and subsequent to ERC's Notice of Violation, Body Nutrition failed to

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2	<u>PRAYER</u>		
3	WHEREFORE ERC prays for relief as follows:		
4	On the First Cause of Action, for civil penalties for each and every violation according to the control of the First Cause of Action, for civil penalties for each and every violation according to the control of the First Cause of Action, for civil penalties for each and every violation according to the control of t	ng	
5	to proof;		
6	2. On the First Cause of Action, and pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 25249.7	7,	
7	subdivision (a), for such temporary restraining orders, preliminary and permanent injunctive	e	
8	orders, or other orders as are necessary to prevent Body Nutrition from exposing persons to		
9	lead without providing clear and reasonable warning;		
10	3. On the Second Cause of Action, for a declaratory judgment pursuant to Code of Civ	il	
11	Procedure section 1060 declaring that Body Nutrition has exposed individuals to lead without	ut	
12	providing clear and reasonable warning; and		
13	4. On all Causes of Action, for reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Code of Civil		
14	Procedure section 1021.5 or the substantial benefit theory;		
15	5. For costs of suit herein; and		
16	6. For such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper.		
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18	DATED: June 14, 2019 ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, INC.		
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EXHIBIT A



Environmental Research Center

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400 San Diego, CA 92108 619-500-3090

April 4, 2019

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

Dear Alleged Violators and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

I am the Executive Director of Environmental Research Center, Inc. ("ERC"). ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

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

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

<u>Alleged Violators</u>. The names of the companies covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter the "Violators") are:

Body LLC, individually and dba Body Nutrition Saber Foods, LLC, individually and dba Body Nutrition

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

- 1. Body Nutrition Gardenia All-Natural Vegan Protein Vanilla Bean Lead
- 2. Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Chocolate Peanut Butter Cup Lead
- 3. Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Cinnabun Lead
- 4. Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Red Velvet Cake Lead

- 5. Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Strawberries & Cream Lead
- 6. Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Peanut Butter-Marshmallow Cookie - Lead
- 7. Body Nutrition Gardenia All-Natural Vegan Protein Cinnabun Lead
- 8. Body Nutrition Iso-ology Leucine Enhanced Whey Isolate CinnaBun Lead
- 9. Body Nutrition Power Pudding Instant Protein Pudding Mix Vanilla Lead
- 10. Body Nutrition Power Pudding Instant Protein Pudding Mix Chocolate Lead
- 11. Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Naturals Dark Chocolate Lead
- 12. Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Naturals Chocolate Peanut Butter Cup Lead
- 13. Body Nutrition Aminolution Advanced BCAA + EAA Cocktail Green Apple Lead
- 14. Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Chocolate Mint Lead
- 15. Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Chocolate Lead
- 16. Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Cookies & Cream Lead
- 17. Body Nutrition Iso-ology Leucine Enhanced Whey Isolate Chocolate Peanut Butter Cup Lead
- 18. Body Nutrition Iso-ology Leucine Enhanced Whey Isolate Chocolate Lead
- 19. Body Nutrition Gardenia All-Natural Vegan Protein Mocha Lead
- 20. Body Nutrition Trutein Whey, Casein & Egg White Protein Naturals Vanilla Bean Lead
- 21. Body Nutrition Aminolution Advanced BCAA + EAA Cocktail Super Fruit Lead
- 22. Body Nutrition Aminolution Advanced BCAA + EAA Cocktail Watermelon Lead

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

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

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

Approximate Time Period of Violations. Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least April 4, 2016, as well as every day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until this known toxic chemical is either removed from or reduced to allowable levels in the products. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemical. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product label. The Violators violated Proposition 65 because they failed to provide persons ingesting these products with appropriate warnings that they are being exposed to this chemical.

Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and a desire to have these ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that includes an enforceable written agreement by the Violator to: (1) reformulate the identified products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemical, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of these products; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and

reasonable warnings compliant with Proposition 65 to all persons located in California who purchased the above products in the last three years. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemical, as well as an expensive and time-consuming litigation.

Please direct all questions concerning this notice to ERC at the above listed address and telephone number.

Sincerely,

Chris Heptinstall Executive Director Environmental Research Center

Attachments

Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to Body LLC, individually and dba Body Nutrition and Saber Foods, LLC, individually and dba Body Nutrition and their Registered Agents 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 Body LLC, individually and dba Body Nutrition and Saber Foods, LLC, individually and dba Body Nutrition

I, Chris Heptinstall, declare:

- 1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached 60-day notice in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
 - 2. I am the Executive Director 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 Violators 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.

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Dated: April 4, 2019	
,	Chris Heptinstall

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 April 4, 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:

Current President or CEO Body LLC, individually and dba Body Nutrition 2950 47th Avenue N St. Petersburg, FL 33714

Current President or CEO Saber Foods, LLC, individually and dba Body Nutrition 3403 Moss Street LaFayette, LA 70507

Current President or CEO Saber Foods, LLC, individually and dba Body Nutrition 2950 47th Avenue N St. Petersburg, FL 33714 Greg Simek (Registered Agent for Body LLC, individually and dba Body Nutrition) 2950 47th Avenue N St. Petersburg, FL 33714

Gregory W. Simek (Registered Agent for Saber Foods, LLC, individually and dba Body Nutrition) 3403 Moss Street LaFayette, LA 70507

On April 4, 2019, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I verified the following documents NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(d)(1) were served on the following party when a true and correct copy thereof was uploaded on the California Attorney General's website, which can be accessed at https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice:

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

On April 4, 2019, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, verified the following documents **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5** *ET SEQ.*; **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** were served on the following parties when a true and correct copy thereof was sent via electronic mail to each of the parties listed below:

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Executed on April 4, 2019, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

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.

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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.