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Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that the private businesses listed on the attached Service List have been, are, will be and threaten to be in violation of Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6. Both this office and Mateel are private enforcers of Proposition 65, both may be contacted at the below listed address and telephone number, and I am a responsible individual at both Mateel and this office. The above referenced violations occur when California residents come into contact with clothing made from polyvinyl chloride, neoprene and other plastic ("PVC"). Examples of this plastic clothing are listed on the attached Appendix A. Plastic clothing in other styles, model numbers, and made by other manufacturers are also covered by this letter. The PVC this plastic clothing is made from contains lead and lead compounds ("lead"), chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. People are exposed to lead at work and elsewhere when they put this plastic clothing on, wear it, and take it off. Lead in the plastic is transferred from the plastic to their hands and to other parts of their skin. This lead is then absorbed through the skin, taken into cuts and abrasions, absorbed through mucous membranes, and transferred from the skin to the mouth via oral contact either directly with the plastic, from oral contact with the lead-contaminated skin, and when lead is transferred from contaminated skin to cigarettes and food and the contaminated cigarettes and food are smoked and/or eaten. These exposures thus occur via the dermal absorption, subcutaneous, mucus membrane, ingestion and inhalation routes. These private businesses did not and do not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before they expose them to lead. These violations have occurred every day since at least April 6, 2000 and will continue every day until the lead is taken out of this plastic clothing or until clear and reasonable warnings are given. The above-referenced violations are alleged for occupational exposures as well as for consumer and environmental exposures. We do not, however, allege occupational exposure violations as to any plastic clothing made outside of California, except as to workplaces these private businesses maintains in California. Exposures constituting Proposition 65 environmental exposure violations occur both on and off these private businesses' property and in each of California's 58 counties.

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Weebok by Reebok Toddler's Rainjacket with Teddy Bears, navy, size 4T  
Weebok by Reebok Toddler's Sailing Rainjacket, navy with white "lifevest", size 3T  
Weebok by Reebok Toddler's Rainjacket with Frog, green, size 3T

MAURICE SPORTING GOODS, INC.

Cedar Key Pier Six Bib Pants No.5771-L

PEARL NORTHWEST INC.

Super Heavyweight RainBib HD862  
Dutch Harbor RainBib DT962

AMERICAN RECREATION PRODUCTS, INC.

Eddie Bauer Waterproof Poncho Youth Style #EB40001

HIGH SIERRA SPORTS CO.

High Seas PVC FWG Jacket w/ hood PJ1194

LIBERTY MOUNTAIN SPORTS

Vinyl Poncho 52" X 80" Item #518641

NEESE INDUSTRIES, INC.

Neese Rainwear 3 piece rainsuit (jacket style 35SJ plus trouser bib with fly style 35001-13-1 35BTF)

Neese Rainwear 3 piece rainsuit Model I-35S Jacket with Detachable Hood Size XXL

STANDARD SALES, INC.

Stansport Children's Vinyl Poncho Item No. 969

BERKSHIRE FASHIONS, INC.

Traveler by Berkshire Women's Poncho w/ Reusable Carry Pouch RN 14750

NELSON/WEATHER-RITE, INC.

Weather-Rite Nylon/PVC Coated Parka Style No. 8146  
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Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that the private businesses listed on the attached Service List have been, are, will be and threaten to be in violation of Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6. Both this office and Mateel are private enforcers of Proposition 65, both may be contacted at the below listed address and telephone number, and I am a responsible individual at both Mateel and this office. The above referenced violations occur when California residents come into contact with clothing made from polyvinyl chloride, neoprene and other plastic ("PVC"). Examples of this plastic clothing are listed on the attached Appendix A. Plastic clothing in other styles, model numbers, and made by other manufacturers are also covered by this letter. The PVC this plastic clothing is made from contains lead and lead compounds ("lead"), chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. People are exposed to lead at work and elsewhere when they put this plastic clothing on, wear it, and take it off. Lead in the plastic is transferred from the plastic to their hands and to other parts of their skin. This lead is then absorbed through the skin, taken into cuts and abrasions, absorbed through mucous membranes, and transferred from the skin to the mouth via oral contact either directly with the plastic, from oral contact with the lead-contaminated skin, and when lead is transferred from contaminated skin to cigarettes and food and the contaminated cigarettes and food are smoked and/or eaten. These exposures thus occur via the dermal absorption, subcutaneous, mucus membrane, ingestion and inhalation routes. These private businesses did not and do not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before they expose them to lead. These violations have occurred every day since at least April 6, 2000 and will continue every day until the lead is taken out of this plastic clothing or until clear and reasonable warnings are given. The above-referenced violations are alleged for occupational exposures as well as for consumer and environmental exposures. We do not, however, allege occupational exposure violations as to any plastic clothing made outside of California, except as to workplaces these private businesses maintains in California. Exposures constituting Proposition 65 environmental exposure violations occur both on and off these private businesses' property and in each of California's 58 counties.