NOTICE OF VIOLATION

California Safe Drinking Water
and Toxic Enforcement Act

Re: Lead In Jewelry

December 3, 2004

This Notice of Violation is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d).

- For general information regarding the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, see the attached summary provided by the California EPA (copies not provided to public enforcement agencies).
- This Notice of Violation is provided by the Center for Environmental Health. The Center for Environmental Health is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to protecting the environment, improving human health and supporting environmentally sound practices.

Description of Violation:

- The names and addresses of the violators are attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
- The violations have been occurring since at least February 27, 1988 and are continuing to this day.
- This Notice of Violation covers the "warning provision" of Proposition 65, which is found at California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6.
- The names of the listed chemicals involved in these violations are lead and lead compounds ("Lead"). Exposures to Lead occur from use of the products identified in this notice.
- The category of products causing these violations is jewelry. A non-exclusive list of examples of these products is attached hereto as Exhibit 2. The Lead is contained in these products.
- Description of Violations: Use of the products identified in this notice results in human exposures to Lead. Lead is contained in both the metallic and non-metallic parts of the jewelry. For example, the non-metallic cords of bracelets and necklaces contain Lead, and the metallic components such as beads, pendants, clasps, posts and other components of the jewelry contain Lead. The routes of exposure for the violations are ingestion and dermal. For example, Lead is directly ingested when consumers place the products in their mouths or when children swallow pieces of jewelry. Lead is also ingested via hand to mouth contact after consumers touch or handle the products. Dermal exposures occur when Lead comes into contact with the skin of consumers who touch, handle, or wear the products. These exposures occur in homes, workplaces and everywhere else throughout California where this jewelry is worn or handled. No clear and reasonable warning is provided with these products regarding the carcinogenic or reproductive hazards of Lead.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this notice to counsel for the Center for Environmental Health: Eric Somers, Lexington Law Group, LLP, 1627 Irving Street, San Francisco, CA 94122, (415) 759-4111.

EXHIBIT 1: List of Violators
(December 3, 2004 60-Day Notice Letter
By Center for Environmental Health
re: Lead In Jewelry)

American Eagle Outfitter's, Inc.
150 Thorn Hill Drive
Warrendale, PA 15086-7528

Aeropostale, Inc.
115 W. 34th St., 22nd Floor
New York, NY 10120

Cost Plus, Inc.
200 4th Street
Oakland, CA 94607

The May Department Stores Company
611 Olive Street
Saint Louis, MO 63101-1703

EXHIBIT 2: Non-Exclusive Examples of the Products
(December 3, 2004 60-Day Notice Letter
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EXAMPLE ITEM DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE ITEM/SKU #	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Men's hemp necklace with pewter shell	12828588	American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.
Pewter butterfly necklace with pink and red beads	12943627	American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.
Leather necklace with silver cross	95244654	Aeropostale, Inc.
Earrings with blue beads	95208933	Aeropostale, Inc.
Leather necklace with dark silver pendant	95244824	Aeropostale, Inc.
Hemp necklace with pewter beads	94949808	Aeropostale, Inc.
Leather necklace with bronze circular medallion	23548930	Cost Plus, Inc.
Silver cord necklace with silver cylindrical beads	08341 94317 8	The May Department Stores Company
Silver metal choker with silver flower	08341 14320 2	The May Department Stores Company
Bronze bracelet with flowers	788602485097	The May Department Stores Company
Silver bracelet with purple flowers	08431 33344 3	The May Department Stores Company

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d)

I, Howard J. Hirsch, hereby declare:

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

2. I am an attorney with the Lexington Law Group, LLP, and I represent the noticing party, the Center for Environmental Health ("CEH").

3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies or other data regarding the exposures to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.

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

5. The copy of the Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health & 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: December 3, 2004

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PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I declare that:

I am employed in San Francisco County, California. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within cause; my business address is 1627 Irving Street, San Francisco, California 94122.

On December 3, 2004, I served true copies of the following documents:

> **NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT**;
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> **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT;** and
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> **THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY** (only sent to those on service list marked with an asterisks).

I placed a true copy of this paper in an envelope addressed to:

See Attached Service List.

I am readily familiar with my firm's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service, to wit, that correspondence will be deposited with the United States Postal Service this same day in the ordinary course of business. I placed the envelope containing the above-mentioned documents for collection and mailing on December 3, 2004, following the ordinary business practice.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on December 3, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

Signed: _____