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This letter constitutes notice that the entity listed below has violated and continues to violate provisions of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health and Safety Code §§ 25249.5 *et seq*. Specifically, this entity has violated and continues to violate the warning requirement at § 25249.6 of the California Health and Safety Code, 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..."

Alleged Violator: U.S. BORAX INC.

U.S. BORAX INC., operates a dry bulk terminal and diesel-powered ships that load and off-load cargo at Berths 165-166 at the Port of Los Angeles. Operation of this terminal consists of the use of locomotives, on-road heavy duty trucks, and cargo handling equipment including, but not

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At all relevant times and continuing to the present time, this entity has exposed and continues to expose residents within the State of California including, but not limited to, the Bradfields, to high levels of diesel engine exhaust, a carcinogen. Exposure has occurred, and continues to occur, through breathing in, and dermal contact with, the diesel engine exhaust released by this entity. The above referenced exposure occurs beyond the property owned, operated or controlled by this entity and affects many individuals, but not limited to the Bradfields who reside, work or are otherwise located in proximity to the property owned, operated, or controlled by this entity.

Because diesel engine exhaust is a chemical listed in Proposition 65 as a cancer-causing chemical, pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.6 this entity was, and is, required to provide clear and reasonable warnings to all persons who come into contact with, or who may come into contact with, this carcinogen. The warnings must state that a chemical known by the State of California to cause cancer are present. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(d), the Bradfields intend to bring suit in the public interest against the above named entity sixty days hereafter to correct the violation occasioned by the failure to warn all California residents to the exposure of diesel engine exhaust.

Pursuant to 22 California Code of Regulations § 12903(b)(1), attached is a copy of "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary," a summary of Proposition 65 prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment of the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(d)(1), the undersigned hereby includes the attached Certificate of Merit, to wit, that the undersigned has consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has or have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of this notice, and that, based on that information, the undersigned believes there is a reasonable and meritorious case. Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of this Certificate of Merit is included with the notice that is served on the Attorney General and is provided to that office in confidence and is not to be disclosed except according to law.

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Christopher P. Ridout, hereby declare:

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

(2) I am attorney for Alice J. Bradfield, Kristin Bradfield, David Bradfield, Merideth Bradfield, a minor by and through her guardian ad litem, Kristin Bradfield, and Hillary Bradfield, a minor by and through her guardian ad litem, Kristin Bradfield.

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(5) The copy of this 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 and Safety Code section 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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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 801 S. Grand Avenue, Eleventh Floor, Los Angeles, California 90017-4645.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

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I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this Court at whose direction the service was made.

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