



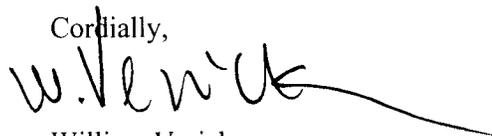
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Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that the private businesses 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 pertain to valves (including the valve handles) and connector hoses with brass fittings that are associated with propane (or other compressed flammable gas) tanks ("propane tanks"). These propane tanks are connected to, and serve as a fuel source for, appliances such as outdoor gas grills, burners or heaters. These connectors and valves are made from leaded-brass alloys. In the case of the valves, these valves are on the propane tank itself and are used to turn the gas off and on at the tank. A list of the types of products to which this notice pertains is provided in the attached products list. These products violate Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 when California residents handle the valves and connectors when connecting a propane tank to a gas appliance or when turning the gas on or off using the valve on the tank. Lead from the alloy comes off on their hands and is then absorbed through the skin, enters the body through cuts and abrasions, is ingested orally by being transferred from hands to food which is then eaten, or by hand-to-mouth (or other mucous membranes) behavior such as nail biting, or lead is transferred from hands to cigarettes and then inhaled when the cigarette is smoked. These lead exposures thus occur via the dermal absorption, subcutaneous, mucus membrane, ingestion and inhalation routes. The listed 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 July 27, 2003, and will continue every day until the lead is removed from the alloys used to make these valves. 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 leaded-brass valves made outside of California, except as to workplaces these businesses themselves maintain in California. Exposures constituting Proposition 65 environmental exposure violations occur both on and off these businesses' property and in each of California's 58 counties.

Cordially,  
  
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## PRODUCT LIST

### **CHAR-BROIL, LLC/ W.C. BRADLEY CO.**

CHAR-BROIL 12' NATURAL GAS HOSE KIT MODEL 4615

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### **ENERCO GROUP, INC.**

MR HEATER PROPANE GRILL "QUICK CONNECT" F276334 UPC 089301763340

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### **MANCHESTER TANK & EQUIPMENT CO.**

MANCHESTER TANK PROPANE CYLINDER UPC: 013734 105026

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### **SEARS ROEBUCK AND COMPANY**

KENMORE 20-LB WITH QUICK CONNECT VALVE #7122960

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### **WEBER-STEPHEN PRODUCTS CO.**

WEBER ADAPTER HOSE 41455 UPC 077924 049422

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### **WOLFDAL ENGINEERING LTD/FIESTA GAS GRILLS LLC**

WOLFDAL ENGINEERING O.P.D. PROPANE CYLINDER #WP24-36, #GG20-27, MADE FOR FIESTA GAS GRILLS, L.L.C.

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### **WORTHINGTON CYLINDER CORPORATION**

PROPANE TANK #303957

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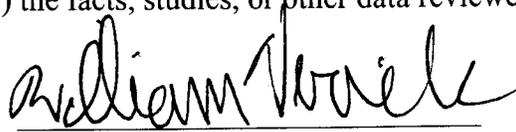
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### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

I, William Verick, hereby declare: This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) 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. I am the attorney for the noticing party. 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 exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action. 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 plaintiffs' case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute. 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 person(s) consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: July 27, 2006



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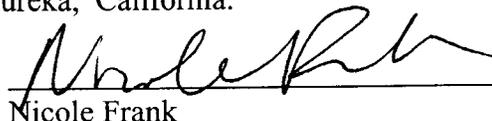
This notice alleges the violation of Proposition 65 with respect to occupational exposures governed by the California State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health. The State Plan incorporates the provisions of Proposition 65, as approved by Federal OSHA on June 6, 1997. This approval specifically placed certain conditions on Proposition 65, including that it does not apply to the conduct of manufacturers occurring outside the State of California. The approval also provides that an employer may use the means of compliances in the general hazard communication requirements to comply with Proposition 65. It also requires that supplemental enforcement is subject to the supervision of the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Accordingly, any settlement, civil complaint, or substantive court orders in this matter must be submitted to the Attorney General.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Nicole Frank, declare:

If called, I could and would testify as follows: I am over eighteen. My business address is 424 First Street, Eureka, California, 95501. On July 27, 2006 I caused the attached 60-DAY NOTICE LETTER, or a letter identical in substance, to be served by U.S. Mail on those public enforcement agencies listed on the attached SERVICE LIST; in addition on the same date and by U.S. Mail I caused the attached 60-DAY NOTICE LETTER and PROPOSITION 65: A SUMMARY to be sent by Certified U.S. Mail to the private business entities also listed on the attached SERVICE LIST. I deposited copies of these documents in envelopes, postage pre-paid, with the U.S. Postal Service on the day on which the mail is collected. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on July 27, 2006, at Eureka, California.



Nicole Frank