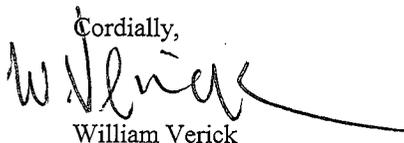


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Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that the private companies 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 brass hose nozzles, brass quick connects, and other brass sprayer nozzles and air hose fittings, all of which are made from leaded-brass, (hereinafter "brass nozzles and fittings"). The listed businesses market these products. A list of specific examples of the specific models of the types of products at issue is attached. Though the products on the attached list are listed with a product number or SKU, this notice pertains to all products of the same specific type, not just to those products, the specific numbers for which are listed in the product list. The brass nozzles and fittings that people handle are made from leaded brass, which contains lead and lead compounds ("lead"), which are chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. California residents are exposed to lead when they handle brass nozzles and fittings. Lead is transferred from the brass nozzles and fittings to peoples' 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 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 lead exposures thus occur via the dermal absorption, subcutaneous, mucous membrane, ingestion and inhalation routes. The listed companies 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 May, 21, 2006, and will continue every day until the lead is removed from the brass nozzles and fittings, 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 brass nozzles and fittings made outside of California, except as to workplaces the companies themselves maintain in California. Exposures constituting Proposition 65 environmental exposure violations occur both on and off the companies private business properties and in each of California's 58 counties.

Cordially,

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PRODUCT LIST

APACHE HOSE & BELTING COMPANY, INC.

PRECISEFIT PRO-SERIES PRESSURE WASHER GUN KIT #228440 UPC CODE 725559 656927;
PRECISE FIT 25' NON MARKING REPLACEMENT/EXTENSION HOSE #289039 UPC CODE:
725559 706295; PRECISE FIT EASY-LOCK QD REPLACEMENT WAND 4000 PSI #213762 UPC
CODE: 725559 656958 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the
products listed, but also for all units of all models of similar types of brass hose nozzles and accessories.

BALKAMP, INC

NAPA WATER NOZZLE HEAVY DUTY INSULATED (YELLOW) #715-1765 UPC CODE:664766
194924 This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for
all units of all models of similar types of brass hose nozzles and accessories.

CARQUEST PRODUCTS, INC.

GOLDEN STATE SUPPLY LLC

CARQUEST BRASS TWIST HOSE NOZZLE #50008 UPC: 796397 500086; CARQUEST FLEXIBLE
AIR HOSE NYLON-11 25' X 1/4" #31561 UPC:796397 315611;
CARQUEST INSULATED PROFESSIONAL HOSE NOZZLE #50010 UPC: 796397 500109;
CARQUEST 1/4" X 25' RUBBER AIR HOSE #31660 UPC: 796397 316601; CARQUEST 6"
ADJUSTABLE BRASS NOZZLE #50011 UPC: 796397 500116; CARQUEST DELUXE SPRAY
NOZZLE #50007 UPC:796397 500079; CARQUEST HEAVY DUTY INSULATED SPRAY NOZZLE
#50006 UPC: 796397 500062; SAFETY STRIPE 3/8" X 25' - 300 PSI AIR HOSE #27488 UPC: 072053
387247 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also
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DAISO CALIFORNIA LLC

PLASTIC SPRAYER WITH BRASS NOZZLE (BLUE) UPC CODE: 4947678 924398;
GARDEN HOSE NOZZLE (BLUE) K-290 UPC CODE: 4984343 319363; PLASTIC SPRAY BOTTLE
WITH BRASS NOZZLE UPC CODE: 4984343 257344; PLASTIC SPRAYER WITH BRASS NOZZLE
UPC CODE: 4984343 590236 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the
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S.M. ARNOLD, INC.

HEAVY DUTY HOSE NOZZLE #81-200 UPC CODE: 079038 812008

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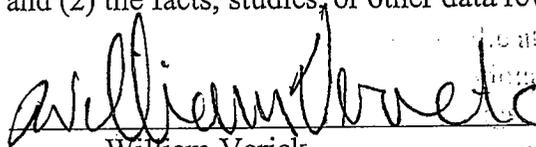
WEST MARINE, INC.

15' SELF-COILING HOSE 3/4" BRASS FITTINGS MODEL #2668648 UPC CODE: 025282 006496;
HOSE COIL WASHDOWN SYSTEMS VALUE PACKAGE 25' HOSE COIL + 7 PATTERN SPRAY
NOZZLE; HOSECOIL WASHDOWN SYSTEMS 20' COCKPIT WASHDOWN SYSTEM 3/4" BRASS
FITTINGS MODEL #HS2005U UPC CODE: 659988 101966; HOSECOIL WASHDOWN SYSTEMS
50' STANDARD SERIES (BLUE) MODEL #HS5004U UPC CODE: 659988 102239; HOSECOIL
WASHDOWN SYSTEMS 15 FT STANDARD SERIES (BLUE) MODEL HS1500U UPC CODE;
659988 101973; 15' SELF-COILING HOSE 3/4" BRASS FITTINGS MODEL #2668648 UPC CODE:
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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.

60-day notice
Dated: May 21, 2009
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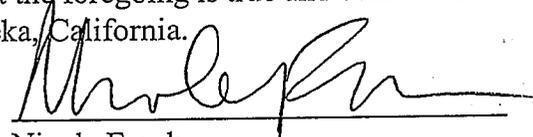

William Verick
The attached
notified Health
and Safety Code
section 25249.6
and
regarding the
action.

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.

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 May 21, 2009, 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 May 21, 2009, at Eureka, California.


Nicole Frank