



## Environmental Research Center

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San Diego, CA 92108  
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September 24, 2010

### VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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New England Greens, LLC  
403 Ashley Falls Rd  
Canaan, CT 06018

Mark Timon  
(New England Greens, LLC's Registered  
Agent for Service of Process)  
403 Ashley Falls Rd  
Canaan, CT 06018

Current CEO or President  
Vibrant Health  
99 Railroad Street  
Canaan, CT 06018

Office of the California Attorney General  
Prop 65 Enforcement Reporting  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000  
P.O. Box 70550  
Oakland, CA 94612-0550

Re: Notice of Violation against New England Greens, LLC and Vibrant Health for Violation of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6

Dear Prosecutors:

The Environmental Research Center ("ERC"), the noticing entity is a California corporation whose mission is to safeguard the public from health hazards that impact families, workers and the environment. ERC is dedicated to reducing the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees and encouraging corporate responsibility. ERC is located at 5694 Mission Center Road, # 199, San Diego, CA 92108. Tel. (619) 309-4194, Executive Director: Chris Heptinstall. Through this Notice of Violation, ERC seeks to reduce exposure to the public from lead and arsenic that is contained in the named products manufactured and distributed by New England Greens, LLC and Vibrant Health.

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This letter constitutes notification that New England Greens, LLC located at 403 Ashley Falls Rd Canaan, CT 06018 and Vibrant Health, located at 99 Railroad Street, Canaan, CT 06018 have violated the warning requirement of Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (commencing with section 25249.5 of the Health and Safety Code).

In particular, these Companies have manufactured and distributed products that have exposed and continue to expose numerous individuals within California to lead and/or arsenic. Lead was listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity on February 27, 1987. Lead was listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a carcinogen on October 1, 1992. On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed arsenic (inorganic arsenic compounds) as a chemical known to cause cancer. On May 1, 1997, the State of California officially listed arsenic (inorganic oxides) as a chemical known to cause reproductive toxicity. The time period of these violations commenced one year after the listed dates above, at least since September 24, 2007, as well as every day since the products were introduced in the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to purchasers and users.

The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and recommended use of these products by consumers. Accordingly, the primary route of exposure for consumers has been oral through ingestion, but may also occur through the inhalation and/or dermal contact route of exposure.

New England Greens, LLC and Vibrant Health are exposing people to lead and arsenic from the following product:

Vibrant Health GREEN VIBRANCE

Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to certain listed chemicals. New England Greens, LLC and Vibrant Health are in violation of Proposition 65 because the Company failed to provide a warning to persons using their products that they are being exposed to lead and/or arsenic. (22 C.C.R. section 12601.) While in the course of doing business, the company is knowingly and intentionally exposing people to lead and/or arsenic without first providing clear and reasonable warning. (Health and Safety Code section 25249.6.) The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. 22 C.C.R. section 12601 (b)(1) (A).

Proposition 65 requires that notice and intent to sue be given to a violator 60-days before the suit is filed. With this letter, ERC gives notice of the alleged violation to the noticed party and the appropriate governmental authorities. This notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 that are currently known to ERC from information now available. ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations. A summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and referenced as Appendix A, has been provided to the noticed party.

Based on the allegations set forth in this Notice, ERC intends to file a citizen enforcement action against New England Greens, LLC and Vibrant Health unless it agrees in an enforceable written instrument to: instrument to: (1) recall or reformulate the listed products so as to eliminate further unwarned exposures to the identified chemicals; and (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution to this matter. Such resolution will avoid both further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals and expensive and time consuming litigation.

Please direct all questions concerning this notice to ERC's attorney, Gideon Kracov, 801 S. Grand Ave., 11<sup>th</sup> Fl., Los Angeles, CA 90017, 213-629-2071, [gk@gideonlaw.net](mailto:gk@gideonlaw.net).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Heptinstall", written in a cursive style.

Chris Heptinstall  
Executive Director, Environmental Research Center

cc: Karen A. Evans

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to New England Greens, LLC its Registered Agent for Service of Process, and Vibrant Health Only)

Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

**Re: Environmental Research Center's Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by New England Greens, LLC and Vibrant Health**

I, Gideon Kracov, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the party identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.
3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the notice.
4. Based on the information obtained through those consultants, and on 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 that the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
5. Along with the copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General is attached additional factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in California 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: September 24, 2010

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Gideon Kracov, Attorney At Law

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years of age, and am not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742

On September 24, 2010, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; "THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY"**

On the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below and depositing it in a US Postal Service Office for delivery by Certified Mail:

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403 Ashley Falls Rd  
Canaan, CT 06018

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1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000  
Post Office Box 70550  
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Executed on September 24, 2010, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.



Chris Heptinstall

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