

November 18, 2010

PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCEMENT REPORTING
ATTENTION: PROP 65 COORDINATOR
1515 CLAY STREET, SUITE 2000
P.O. BOX 70550
OAKLAND CA 94612-0550

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 plumbing fittings made from leaded-brass alloys. The alloys used to make these fittings contain lead and lead compounds (hereinafter "lead") — chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. A list of the types of products to which this notice pertains is provided in the attached products list. Though specific examples of the products to which this notice pertains are listed therein, this notice pertains not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also to all units of all models of brass plumbing fittings. These products violate Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 when California residents handle the fittings either to install them or to use them. 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. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 violations also occur when the lead from these fittings leaches or otherwise enters the stream of drinking water and is then ingested by people who drink the lead-contaminated water. These lead exposures thus occur via the dermal absorption, subcutaneous, mucous 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 November 18, 2007, and will continue every day until the lead is removed from the brass 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 fittings made outside of California, except as to workplaces these companies themselves maintain in California. This notice does not allege any environmental exposure violations.

Cordially,

William Verick

SERVICE LIST

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PRODUCTS LIST

LDR INDUSTRIES, INC.

1/2" STOP VALVE F.I.P. BRASS 0225103 UPC: 019442 454005; HEAVY DUTY -NO KINK HOSE BIBB 1/2" M.I.P. UPC CODE: 019442 217624; LDR 90 DEGREE ELBOW 3/8" BRASS ELBOW #322 E90-38 UPC CODE: 019442 464783 020 7723; BRASS HOSE VACUUM BREAKER 3/4" FEMALE HOSE THREAD A28 #509 7506 UPC CODE: 019442 017682; LDR VALVES PRESSURE GAUGE 0-200 PSI 3/4" FHT 2" FACE #020 9645 UPC CODE: 019442 439361; 3/4" HOSE CONNECTOR L13 504 2420 UPC CODE: 019442 107963; LDR HEAVY DUTY NO KINK HOSE BIBB 1/2" FIP 020 7623 UPC CODE: 019442 217594; LDR NO KINK HOSE BIBB 1/2" 0140259 UPC CODE: 019442 468668; LDR 1/2" X 3/4" HOSE CONNECTOR L12 504 2410 UPC CODE: 019442 107918 LDR 3/8" BRASS TEE UPC CODE: 019442 464899 LDR 3/4" BRASS GATE VALVE 0146030 UPC CODE: 019442 468811 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of brass fittings.

LOWE'S HIW, INC./LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.

LDR NO KINK HOSE BIBB 1/2" 0140259 UPC: 019442 468668; LDR 3/4" BRASS GATE VALVE 0146030 UPC CODE: 019442 468811 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of brass fittings.

OATEY CO.

OATEY QUIET PIPES WATER SURGE-SHOCK ABSORBER #38600 UPC CODE: 038753 This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of brass fittings.

ORCHARD SUPPLY HARDWARE

3/4" HOSE CONNECTOR L13 504 2420 UPC CODE: 019442 107963; BRASS HOSE VACUUM BREAKER 3/4" FEMALE HOSE THREAD A28 #509 7506 UPC CODE: 019442 017682 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of brass fittings.

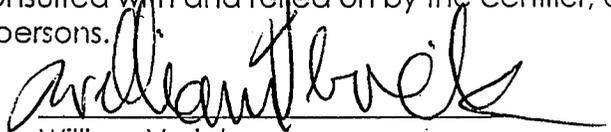
WATTS WATER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

3/4" FIP INLET X 3/4" FIP OUTLET 12" BRAIDED STAINLESS STEEL WATER HEATER CONNECTOR LFLBLK BF-12 UPC CODE: 098268 482089; WATTS BRASS FIP TEE 3/4" A-858 LF PBC101 17700312 UPC CODE: 042805 446959; WATTS BRASS FIP ELBOW 3/4" A-855 LFPBC100 17700311 UPC CODE: 042805 446942; WATER WIZARD FAUCET ADAPTER UPC CODE: 048643 999992 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of brass fittings.

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: November 18, 2010



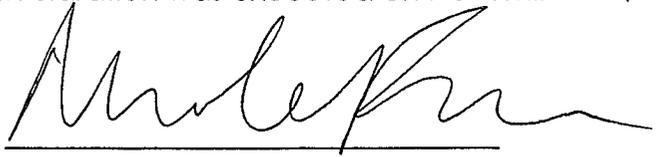
William Verick

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 November 18, 2010, 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 November 18, 2010, at Eureka, California.



Nicole Frank