

October 18, 2017

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**

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**VIA U.S. MAIL and EMAIL**

District Attorneys of All California Counties and  
Select City Attorneys  
(See Attached - Certificate of Service)

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

State of California Department of Justice  
Office of the Attorney General  
Proposition 65 Enforcement Reporting  
Filing link: [oag.ca.gov/prop65](http://oag.ca.gov/prop65)

**Notice of Violations of**  
**California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.**

Dear Alleged Violators and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

We represent The Chemical Toxin Working Group, Inc., a California non-profit corporation, a/k/a as The Healthy Living Foundation (“HLF” or “CTWG”), an organization dedicated to reducing the amount of chemical toxins in consumer products, the promotion of human health, environmental safety, and improvement of worker and consumer safety. David Steinman created HLF to effectuate his commitments as an environmentalist, journalist, consumer health advocate, publisher and author. His major books include “Diet for a Poisoned Planet” (1990, 2007); “The Safe Shopper's Bible” (1995); “Living Healthy in a Toxic World” (1996); and “Safe Trip to Eden: Ten Steps to Save the Planet Earth from Global Warming Meltdown” (2007), along with his many publications as the publisher of the “Healthy Living Magazine” and its associated websites and periodicals.

Through this Notice of Violation (this “Notice”), HLF seeks to reduce and/or eliminate exposures to malathion by workers and consumers from malathion in pesticide

products produced, distributed and/or sold by Bonide Products, Inc., and Amazon.com LLC, among other retailers.

This Notice constitutes written notification that Bonide Products, Inc., and Amazon.com LLC (the “Noticed Parties”) have violated the warning requirements of Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (codified at California Health & Safety Code §25249.5, *et seq*). The product subject to this Notice of Violation (the “specified product”) and the chemical in the specified product identified as exceeding allowable levels is the following:

■ **Bonide Malathion Insect Control – *Malathion***

The Noticed Parties have manufactured, marketed, distributed and/or sold the specified product which has exposed and continues to expose numerous individuals within California to malathion. This chemical was listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer on May 20, 2016.

Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health have established worker exposure levels for malathion. Malathion is used in California occupationally by gardeners and farmers. Its use in California is documented and includes human studies from workers’ exposures. An example of occupational use in California is when malathion is applied to roses, tomatoes or other plants by hand held lance sprayers or to perimeters of office and other business buildings. The potential dermal exposure of applicators to this insecticide has been measured.

With respect to the specified product listed above, the violation: commenced on the latter of the date that the specified product was first offered for sale in California or the date upon which California law codified the allowable level of the relevant chemical surpassed by the specified product; has continued every day since the relevant date the violation commenced; and will continue every day henceforth until malathion is removed from the specified product, reduced to allowable levels, or until a “clear and reasonable” warning is provided to consumers, including occupational users, by the Noticed Parties in accordance with the law. The primary route of exposure has been through inhalation and/or dermal contact as explained more fully above, but may have also occurred through ingestion.

Proposition 65 requires that a “clear and reasonable” warning be provided prior to exposure to certain listed chemicals. The Noticed Parties are in violation of Proposition 65 because the Noticed Parties have failed to provide a warning to consumers, including occupational users, that they are being exposed to malathion. While in the course of doing business, the Noticed Parties are “knowingly and intentionally” exposing

consumers, including occupational users, to malathion without first providing a “clear and reasonable” warning. See Cal. Health and Safety Code § 25249.6. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product’s label. See Cal. Code Regs. tit. 27, § 25603.1, subd. (a). The Noticed Parties have not provided any Proposition 65 warnings on the specified product’s label or any other appropriate warnings that persons handling, ingesting and/or otherwise using the specified product are being exposed to malathion.

Proposition 65 requires that notice and intent to sue be provided to a violator 60-days before a suit is filed in connection therewith. With this Notice, HLF gives written notice of the alleged violation to the Noticed Parties and the appropriate governmental authorities. This Notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 that are currently known to the noticing party from information now available as specifically related to the violating product sold through Noticed Parties, and other retailers and/or distributors. HLF is continuing its investigation that may reveal further violations.

Pursuant to Title 27, C.C.R. § 25903(b), copies of the documents entitled (i) “The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary”, referenced as Appendix “A”, and (ii) “The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): Special Compliance Procedure”, referenced as Appendix “B”, are attached hereto for reference by the Noticed Parties.

Pursuant to Title 11, C.C.R. § 3100, a “Certificate of Merit” is attached hereto.

HLF is interested in a prompt resolution of this matter with an enforceable written agreement by the Noticed Parties to (1) eliminate or reduce malathion to an allowable level in, or provide appropriate warning on the labels of, the specified product; and (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures and expensive and time-consuming litigation.

In keeping with its public interest mission and to expeditiously rectify these ongoing violations of California law, HLF is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter without engaging in costly and protracted litigation. Please direct all communications regarding this Notice to my office on behalf of HLF.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at your earliest convenience.  
Thank you for your time and consideration with respect to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,  
**KHANSARI LAW CORP., APC**



Andre A. Khansari, Esq.  
(Attachments)

Attachments:

1. Certificate of Merit;
2. Certificate of Service;
3. Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to Attorney General only);
4. Appendix "A" – "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary", and Appendix "B" – "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): Special Compliance Procedure" (to the Noticed Parties only)

Cc: The Chemical Toxin Working Group, Inc. (via email only)

## **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

**Re: The Chemical Toxin Working Group Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65  
Violations by Bonide Products, Inc., and Amazon.com LLC**

I, Andre A. Khansari, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit (this "Certificate") accompanies the attached Notice of Violation dated October 18, 2017 (the "NOV") in which it is alleged that the parties identified in the NOV ("alleged violators") have violated California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am the attorney for the noticing party The Chemical Toxin Working Group, Inc., a/k/a The Healthy Living Foundation. The NOV alleges that the alleged violators have exposed persons in California to the listed chemical that is the subject of this Certificate. Please refer to the NOV for additional details regarding the product(s) name and alleged violations.
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 alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of this Certificate. I have reviewed the laboratory testing results for the chemical subject to the NOV and relied on these results. The testing was conducted by a reputable testing laboratory, with proper accreditation, and by experienced scientists. The facts, studies and other data derived through this investigation demonstrate that the alleged violators expose persons, including workers, to the listed chemical that is the subject of this Certificate.
4. Based on the information obtained through these consultants and on other information in my possession, I believe there is sufficient evidence that the listed product(s) in the NOV expose people to unlawfully high levels of the specified chemical. Furthermore, 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(s) will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
5. The copy of this Certificate served on the California Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health & 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.

Dated: October 18, 2017



Andre A. Khansari, Esq.  
Attorney for The Chemical Toxin Working Group, Inc.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County of Los Angeles. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within entitled action or process. My business address is **11845 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 1000, Los Angeles, California 90064.**

On October 18, 2017, I served the following documents:

- (i) **Notice of Violations by Bonide Products, Inc., and Amazon.com LLC, for Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.,**
- (ii) **Certificate of Merit, and**
- (iii) **Appendix "A" – "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary", and Appendix "B" – "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): Special Compliance Procedure" (to the Noticed Parties only),**

on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party below, and causing each envelope to be deposited at a United States Postal Service Office in Los Angeles, California for delivery by Certified Mail:

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Oriskany, NY 13424

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- (iii) **Additional Information and Supporting Documentation Required by Title 11, C.C.R. §3102,**

on the following party by filing electronically a true and correct copy thereof as permitted through the website of the California Office of the Attorney General via link at [oag.ca.gov/prop65](http://oag.ca.gov/prop65):

State of California Department of Justice  
Office of the Attorney General

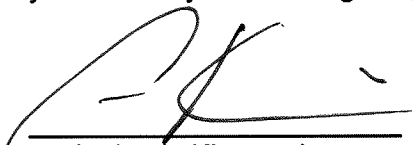
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- (ii) **Certificate of Merit,**

on each of the parties on the service list attached hereto (see attached "**Service List**") by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the District Attorney and City Attorney offices listed on the attached service list, and causing each envelope to be deposited at a United States Postal Service mail box for delivery by First Class Mail, except for the Contra Costa County District

Attorney, Lassen County District Attorney, Riverside County District Attorney, Sacramento County District Attorney, San Francisco County District Attorney, Napa County District Attorney, San Joaquin County District Attorney, San Luis Obispo County District Attorney, Santa Clara County District Attorney, Sonoma County District Attorney, Tulare County District Attorney, Ventura County District Attorney, Monterey County District Attorney, and Yolo County District Attorney, which have requested electronic service only via the following email addresses: [sgrassini@contracostada.org](mailto:sgrassini@contracostada.org); [mlatimer@co.lassen.ca.us](mailto:mlatimer@co.lassen.ca.us); [prop65@rivcoda.org](mailto:prop65@rivcoda.org); [prop65@sacda.org](mailto:prop65@sacda.org); [Gregory.alker@sfgov.org](mailto:Gregory.alker@sfgov.org); [cepd@countyofnapa.org](mailto:cepd@countyofnapa.org); [daconsumer.environmental@sjcda.org](mailto:daconsumer.environmental@sjcda.org); [edobroth@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:edobroth@co.slo.ca.us); [epu@da.sccgov.org](mailto:epu@da.sccgov.org); [jbarnes@sonoma-county.org](mailto:jbarnes@sonoma-county.org); [prop65@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:prop65@co.tulare.ca.us); [daspecialops@ventura.org](mailto:daspecialops@ventura.org); [Prop65DA@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:Prop65DA@co.monterey.ca.us); and [cfepd@yolocounty.org](mailto:cfepd@yolocounty.org).

I, Andre A. Khansari, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on October 18, 2017, in the City and County of Los Angeles, California.



Andre A. Khansari

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