

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

Benzene Exposures at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival

September 21, 2018

This Notice of Violation is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d).

- For general information regarding the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, see the attached summary provided by the California EPA (copies not provided to public enforcement agencies).
- This Notice of Violation is provided by Katherine Atkinson. Ms. Atkinson is a resident of the state of California and attended the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in 2018. She brings this notice on behalf of the public interest.

Description of Violation:

- Violators: The names and addresses of the violators are:
 - Goldenvoice, LLC**
800 W. Olympic Blvd., #305
Los Angeles, CA 90015
 - Coachella Music Festival, LLC**
800 W. Olympic Blvd., #305
Los Angeles, CA 90015
 - Anschutz Entertainment Group, Inc.**
800 W. Olympic Blvd., #305
Los Angeles, CA 90015
- Time Period of Exposure: The violations have been occurring since at least April 1, 2016, during the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival which takes place annually in April at the location described below. There is a substantial threat of ongoing and future violations unless and until the alleged violators abate the threat of additional benzene exposures from ongoing and future operations.
- Provision of Proposition 65: This Notice of Violation covers the “warning provision” of Proposition 65, which is found at California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6.
- Chemical Involved: The name of the listed chemical involved in these violations is benzene. Benzene is a chemical that is known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. Exposures to benzene are occurring at the location described below.

- Location of the Exposures: The specific location of the exposures is the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival located at the Empire Polo Club, 81-800 Avenue 51, Indio, California 92201 (the “Coachella Festival”). The exposures occur at all locations on the grounds of the Coachella Festival.
- Description of Exposure: This Notice addresses environmental exposures to benzene. These exposures are caused by the alleged violators’ operations during the Coachella Festival. The alleged violators’ operations release benzene into the air, exposing individuals attending the festival to benzene, including but not limited to festival attendees, staff, volunteers, and other participants at the Coachella Festival. The primary route of exposure for the violations is inhalation when individuals inhale the air that has been contaminated with benzene released from the Coachella Festival operations by the alleged violators. No clear and reasonable warning is provided regarding the hazards of benzene.

Resolution of Noticed Claims:

Based on the allegations set forth in this Notice, Ms. Atkinson intends to bring a citizen enforcement lawsuit against the alleged violators unless such violators agree in a binding written instrument to: (1) provide clear and reasonable warnings; (2) immediately abate the threat of additional benzene exposures; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(b). If the alleged violators are interested in resolving this dispute without resort to expensive and time-consuming litigation, please feel free to contact Ms. Atkinson through her counsel identified below. It should be noted that Ms. Atkinson cannot: (1) finalize any settlement until after the 60-day notice period has expired; nor (2) speak for the Attorney General or any District or City Attorney who received Ms. Atkinson’s 60-day Notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with Ms. Atkinson will resolve its claims, such agreement may not satisfy the public prosecutors.

Preservation of Relevant Evidence:

This Notice also serves as a demand that the alleged violators preserve and maintain all relevant evidence, including all electronic documents and data, pending resolution of this matter. Such relevant evidence includes but is not limited to all documents relating to benzene releases from the alleged violators’ operations, actual or potential exposures to benzene from the alleged violators’ operations, efforts to comply with Proposition 65, and communications with any person relating to actual or potential exposures to benzene from the alleged violators’ operations since the year preceding this Notice through the date of any trial of the claims alleged in this Notice.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this Notice to Ms. Atkinson’s counsel Mark N. Todzo at Lexington Law Group, 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117, (415) 913-7800, mtodzo@lexlawgroup.com.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d)

I, Mark N. Todzo, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged that the parties identified in the notice have violated Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.


2. I am an attorney with the Lexington Law Group, and I represent the noticing party, Katherine Atkinson.

3. Members of my firm and 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 exposures to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.

4. Based on the information obtained through those consultations, 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 the information did not prove that the alleged violators will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

5. The copy of the 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 & 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.

September 21, 2018



Mark N. Todzo
Attorney for
KATHERINE ATKINSON

1 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

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3 I, Nick Redfield, declare:

4 I am a citizen of the United States and employed in the County of San Francisco, State of
5 California. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to this action. My business
6 address is 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117 and my email address is
7 nredfield@lexlawgroup.com.

8 On September 21, 2018, I served the following document(s) on all interested parties in
9 this action by placing a true copy thereof in the manner and at the addresses indicated below:

10 **NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND
11 TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT;**

12 **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT;** and

13 **THE SAFE DRINKING AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986
14 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY** (only sent to those on service list marked with an
15 asterisk).

16 **BY MAIL:** I am readily familiar with the firm's practice for collecting and processing mail
17 with the United States Postal Service ("USPS"). Under that practice, mail would be deposited
18 with USPS that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at San Francisco, California in the
19 ordinary course of business. On this date, I placed sealed envelopes containing the above
20 mentioned documents for collection and mailing following my firm's ordinary business practices.

21 *Please see attached service list.*

22 **BY FACSIMILE:** I caused all pages of the document(s) listed above to be transmitted via
23 facsimile to the fax number(s) as indicated and said transmission was reported as complete and
24 without error.

25 **BY ELECTRONIC MAIL:** I transmitted a PDF version of the document(s) listed above via
26 email to the email address(es) indicated on the attached service list [or noted above] before 5 p.m.
27 on the date executed.

28 Paul E. Zellerbach, District Attorney
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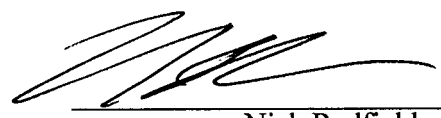
BY PERSONAL DELIVERY: I placed all pages of the document(s) listed above in a sealed
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hand to the addressee(s) as indicated.

BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY: I deposited such document(s) in a box or other facility
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September 21, 2018 at San Francisco, California.



Nick Redfield

SERVICE LIST

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