AMENDED NOTICE OF VIOLATION

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

Styrene Exposures Resulting From Plastics Processing

February 1, 2019

This Amended Notice of Violation is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). This Amended Notice of Violation amends and supersedes the Notice of Violation previously issued on January 25, 2019 (AG No. 2019-00152).

- 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 Amended Notice of Violation is provided by the Center for Environmental Health ("CEH"), 2201 Broadway, Suite 302, Oakland, CA 94612, (510) 655-3900.
 CEH is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to protecting the environment, improving human health and supporting environmentally sound practices.
 Caroline Cox is the Senior Scientist of and a responsible individual within CEH.

Description of Violation:

<u>Violator</u>: The name and address of the violator is:

Cambro Manufacturing Company 5801 Skylab Road Huntington Beach, CA 92647

- <u>Time Period of Exposure</u>: The violations have been occurring since at least April 22, 2017, and are continuing up through the present. There is a substantial threat of ongoing and future violations unless and until the alleged violator abates the threat of additional styrene exposures from ongoing and future operations.
- Provision of Proposition 65: This Amended Notice of Violation covers the "warning provision" of Proposition 65, which is found at California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6.
- <u>Chemical Involved</u>: The name of the listed chemical involved in these violations is styrene. Styrene is a chemical that is known to cause cancer. Exposures to styrene are occurring at the location described below.
- <u>Location of the Exposures</u>: The specific location of the exposures is the neighborhood surrounding Cambro Manufacturing Company's facility located at 7601 Clay Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 (the "Facility"). The exposures occur at all locations within a 0.1 mile radius of the Facility.

• <u>Description of Exposure</u>: This Notice addresses environmental exposures to styrene. These exposures are caused by the Facility's operations, which process and treat plastics using a variety of methods. The Facility's operations release styrene into the air, exposing residents living and working within the Huntington Beach neighborhood described above to styrene. The primary route of exposure for the violations is inhalation when residents inhale the air that has been contaminated with the styrene released from the Facility operated by the alleged violator. No clear and reasonable warning is provided regarding the carcinogenic hazards of styrene.

Resolution of Noticed Claims:

Based on the allegations set forth in this Notice, CEH intends to bring a citizen enforcement lawsuit against the alleged violator unless such violator agrees in a binding written instrument to: (1) provide clear and reasonable warnings; (2) immediately abate the threat of additional styrene 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 violator is interested in resolving this dispute without resort to expensive and time-consuming litigation, please feel free to contact CEH through its counsel identified below. It should be noted that CEH 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 CEH's 60-day Notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with CEH 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 violator 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 styrene releases from the alleged violator's operations, actual or potential exposures to styrene from the alleged violator's operations, efforts to comply with Proposition 65, and communications with any person relating to actual or potential exposures to styrene from the alleged violator's operations since April 22, 2016, through the date of any trial of the claims alleged in this Notice.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this Notice to CEH'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 party identified in the notice has 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, the Center for Environmental Health.

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.

February 1, 2019

Mark N. Todzo
Attorney for CENTER FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

1	PROOF OF SERVICE
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3	I, Alexis Pearson, 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 address is 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117 and my email address is apearson@lexlawgroup.com.
6	On February 1, 2019, I served the following document(s) on all interested parties in this
7	action by placing a true copy thereof in the manner and at the addresses indicated below:
8	NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINNKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT;
9	CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; and
10	THE SAFE DRINKING AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986
11	(PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY (only sent to those on service list marked with an asterisk).
12	BY MAIL: I am readily familiar with the firm's practice for collecting and processing mail
- 13	with the United States Postal Service ("USPS"). Under that practice, mail would be deposited with USPS that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at San Francisco, California in the
14	ordinary course of business. On this date, I placed sealed envelopes containing the above mentioned documents for collection and mailing following my firm's ordinary business practices.
• 15	Please see attached service list.
. 16	☐ BY FACSIMILE: I caused all pages of the document(s) listed above to be transmitted via
17 18	facsimile to the fax number(s) as indicated and said transmission was reported as complete and without error.
	BY ELECTRONIC MAIL: I transmitted a PDF version of the document(s) listed above via
19	email to the email address(es) indicated on the attached service list [or noted above] before 5 p.m. on the date executed.
20	BY PERSONAL DELIVERY: I placed all pages of the document(s) listed above in a sealed
21	envelope addressed to the party(ies) listed above, and caused such envelope to be delivered by hand to the addressee(s) as indicated.
22	BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY: I deposited such document(s) in a box or other facility
23	regularly maintained by FedEx, or delivered such document(s) to a courier or driver authorized by FedEx, with delivery fees paid or provided for, and addressed to the person(s) being served.
24	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.
25	Executed on February 1, 2019 at San Francisco, California.
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Argyle Campbell, CEO* Cambro Manufacturing Company 5801 Skylab Road Huntington Beach, CA 92647