1 2 3 4 5	GIDEON KRACOV (SBN 179815) 801 S. Grand Avenue, Ste. 1100 Los Angeles, CA 90017 213.629.2071 FAX 213.623.7755 gk@gideonlaw.net Attorneys for PLAINTIFF Environmental Research Center, Inc.		
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. 8	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
9	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES		
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11	ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER,)	Case No. BC476046	
12	INC. a non-profit California corporation,	Assigned For All Purposes to	
13	PLAINTIFF,)	Judge Michael P. Linfield	
14	v.)		
15	NEW ENGLAND GREENS LLC; VIBRANT) HEALTH; DOES 1 through 10,	[PROPOSED] STIPULATED CONSENT JUDGMENT	
16	DEFENDANT(s).	Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, et seq.	
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20	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AC	REED by the Parties hereto, as follows:	
21	WHEREAS:		
22	A. ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, INC. ("ERC" or "Plaintiff")		
23	is a citizen enforcer of California Health and Safe	ety Code § 25249.6 et seq.	
24	("Proposition 65");		
25	·	ENS LLC dba VIBRANT HEALTH	
26	("NEG" or "Defendant") is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of		
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	[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT		
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1	Connecticut. At times during the relevant time period, NEG has been a person doing	
2	business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code § 25249.11. The name of the	
3	products ("Covered Products") covered under this Consent Judgment are:	
4	Green Vibrance	
5	Green Vibrance Junior	
6	Green Vibrance Original Meal Bar	
7	Joint Vibrance	
8	PureGreen Protein Vanilla	
9	PureGreen Protein Mixed Berry	
10	PureGreen Protein Chocolate	
11	PureGreen Protein Natural	
12	Glycemic Vibrance H	
13	Raw Food Super Natural Calcium PurePlant Calcium from Hydrilla	
14	Verticillata	
15	The Convenient Organic Lemonade Diet Vibrant Cleanse	
16	Field of Greens	
17	Dr. Colin's Reproductive Health Ferti-boost Kit Male	
18	Male Nourishing Formula	
19	Male Stimulating Formula	
20.	Male Regulating Formula	
21	Dr. Colin's Reproductive Health Ferti-boost Kit Female	
22	Female Nourishing Formula	
23	Female Stimulating Formula	
24	Female Regulating Formula	
25	Any other products are not subject to the injunctive provisions herein, and are not	
26	covered by the release of liability herein;	
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- C. On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed the chemical lead as a chemical known to cause reproductive toxicity, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code § 25249.8;
- D. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed the chemicals lead and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code § 25249.8;
- E. The Covered Products have allegedly been manufactured and/or sold by NEG for use in California;
- F. On September 24, 2010, October 22, 2010, December 23, 2010 and November 14, 2012, ERC served NEG and each of the appropriate public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice" that provided notice that Defendant was in violation of Proposition 65 for failing to warn purchasers and individuals using the Covered Products that the use of the Covered Products exposes them to lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity ("Prop. 65 Notices") (a copy of the 60-Day Notices are attached hereto as Exhibit A);
- G. The Action was brought by ERC in the public interest at least sixty (60) days after ERC provided notice of the Proposition 65 violations to Defendant and the appropriate public enforcement agencies and none of the public enforcement agencies had commenced and begun diligently prosecuting an action against Defendant for such violations;
- H. For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and personal jurisdiction over the Parties, that venue is proper in this Court, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter a Consent Judgment pursuant to the terms set forth herein;
- I. Except as expressly provided herein, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive or impair any right, remedy or defense the Parties may have in any

other or further legal proceeding. This paragraph shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities, and duties of any Party to this Consent Judgment;

J. The "Effective Date" of this Consent Judgment shall be the date upon which this Consent Judgment is entered by the Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, covenants and agreements herein contained, the sufficiency and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged by Plaintiff and Defendant (collectively, the "Parties"), the Parties agree to the terms and conditions set forth below:

1. Injunctive Relief.

1.1 After July 1, 2013, NEG shall not distribute into the State of California or directly sell to a California consumer in California any of the Covered Products for which the maximum daily dose recommended on the label contains lead in an amount in excess of 0.5 ug/day, the level set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 27, section 25805, subdivision (b), unless each such unit of the Covered Products bears the following warning statement securely affixed on its individual unit packaging or by securely affixed warning stickers or hang tags:

[California Residents Proposition 65] **WARNING** [(California Proposition 65)]: This product contains [lead,] [a] chemical[s] known to the State of California to cause [cancer and] birth defects [,] or other reproductive harm.

[California Residents Proposition 65] WARNING [(California Proposition 65)]: This product contains [lead,] [a] substance[s] known to the State of California to cause [cancer and] birth defects [,] or other reproductive harm.

The text in brackets in the warnings above is optional, except that the term "cancer" must be included only if the maximum daily dose recommended on the label contains more than 15 micrograms of lead. The warning shall be at least the same size as the largest of any other health or safety warnings on the product label, and the word "WARNING" shall be in capital letters and in bold print.

The warning statement shall be displayed on the unit packaging of the Covered

Products with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements, or designs so as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual purchasing or using the Covered Products.

- 1.2 NEG's shipping invoices shall include the Proposition 65 warning set forth under Section 1.1 above for any Covered Products requiring a warning that NEG distributes into California, directly sells (including but not limited to internet or online sales) to any consumer located in California, or supplies to a retailer or distributor that NEG knows will sell the Covered Product in California.
- 1.3 NEG shall send a letter from NEG to each current distributor and/or retailer supplying Covered Products that require a warning as set forth in Section 1.1, with a signature acknowledgement block, apprising the distributor and/or retailer of how they must comply with Proposition 65 for the Covered Products in order to continue doing business with NEG. NEG will provide ERC with a copy of the original letter and signed letters upon ERC's written request within 30 days of such request (copies of the letter and follow-up letter are attached as Exhibits B and C, respectively).
- 1.4 NEG shall provide Proposition 65 warning stickers or hang tags set forth under Section 1.1 above to NEG's distributors and retailers located outside of California who ship the Covered Products, that require a warning as set forth in Section 1.1, for sale into California.
- 1.5 Nothing in these injunctive provisions shall be construed to require NEG to (a) continue to display the warning statement on the Covered Products; and (b) comply with the requirements of Sections 1.2 through 1.4, inclusive, if NEG modifies or reformulates the Covered Products such that the amount of lead contained in each product is below the threshold requiring a warning under Proposition 65. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, a Covered Product does not require a Proposition 65 warning when the maximum recommended daily serving on the label contains no more than 0.5 micrograms

of lead per day.

- 1.6 In the event that NEG under Section 1.5 above, distributes into the State of California or directly sells to a California consumer in California any of the Covered Products without a warning, NEG will provide written notice to ERC within ten (10) days of such initial distribution or sale and shall comply with the following testing obligations:
- 1.6.1 Once a year, on or before the anniversary of the entry of the Consent Judgment, NEG shall test, or require its supplier to test, three (3) randomly selected samples of each Covered Product (in the form intended for sale to the end-user) for lead content. The concentration of lead for purposes of Section 1.5 above shall be calculated by averaging the three (3) samples.
- 1.6.2 Testing for lead shall be performed using Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry ("ICP-MS") and closed-vessel, microwave-assisted digestion employing high-purity reagents or any other testing method subsequently agreed upon in writing by the Parties.
- 1.6.3 All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed by a laboratory certified by the California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program or a laboratory that is registered with the United States Food & Drug Administration.
- 1.6.4 NEG shall retain all test results and documentation for a period of four years from the date of the test.
- 1.6.5 When testing is required pursuant to this Section 1.6, NEG shall test the Covered Products for a minimum of three (3) years. If tests conducted pursuant to this Consent Judgment demonstrate that no warning is required for a Covered Product during each of the three (3) consecutive years, then the testing requirements of this Section 3.3 are no longer required as to that Covered Product. However, if after the three (3) year period NEG changes ingredient suppliers for any of the Covered Products and/or reformulates any of the Covered Products, NEG shall test that Covered Product at least

 once after such change is made.

- 1.6.6 Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall limit NEG's ability to conduct, or require that others conduct, additional testing of the Covered Products, including the raw materials used in their manufacture. This Consent Judgment, including the testing and sampling methodology set forth in this Section 1.6, is the product of negotiation and compromise, and is accepted by the Parties for purposes of settling, compromising, and resolving issues disputed in this action, including future compliance by NEG with this Consent Judgment, and shall not be used for any other purpose, or in any other matter and, except for the purpose of determining future compliance with this Consent Judgment.
- 1.7 This injunctive relief shall not apply to any Covered Products that Defendant puts in the stream of commerce before July 1, 2013.
- 2. Civil Penalty, Payments in Lieu of Further Civil Penalties, Attorney's Fees, and Costs Assessment. Defendant agrees to pay the total amount of \$120,000.00 inclusive of all civil penalties, payments in lieu of penalties, and attorneys' fees and costs, subject to review by California's Attorney General and the Superior Court, as follows:
- (a) Defendant agrees to pay ERC a civil penalty in the amount of \$14,410.00 pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b). Plaintiff ERC shall remit 75% of this amount to the State of California pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25192.
- (b) Defendant agrees to pay ERC a payment in lieu of further civil penalties in the amount of \$43,233.00 to cover activities such as (1) continued enforcement of Proposition 65, which includes work, analysis, researching and testing of numerous consumer products that may contain Proposition 65 chemicals which addresses the same or similar type of ingestible products that are the subject matter of the current action; (2) the continued monitoring of past consent judgments and settlements to ensure companies

are in compliance with Proposition 65; and (3) awarding a donation to a California notfor-profit organization in which their activities include the reduction or elimination of hazardous and toxic chemicals similar to ERC's mission.

- (c) Defendant agrees to reimburse Plaintiff \$62,357.00, which is the total amount of costs and attorneys' fees Plaintiff incurred on this matter, which amount includes Plaintiff's investigative, expert and attorneys' fees and costs incurred as a result of work and bringing this matter to the attention of Defendant, and negotiating a settlement in the public interest.
- 3. Payment Schedule. Pursuant to Section 2 herein, Defendant agrees to remit the total amount of \$120,000.00 to Plaintiff, payable to the "Law Offices of Gideon Kracov Client Trust Account" in six equal payments of \$20,000.00 by check and remitted to the Law Office of Gideon Kracov at the law firm's address noted in the Notice provision below. The schedule for the payment of these funds shall be a first payment of \$20,000.00 received within 10 business days of the Effective Date of this Consent Judgment, and a \$20,000.00 payment to be received each month for five consecutive months thereafter. In the event that any of the payments owed under this Consent Judgment is not remitted on or before its due date, Defendant shall be deemed to be in default of its obligations under this Consent Judgment. Plaintiff shall provide written notice to Defendant of any default; if Defendant fails to remedy the default within three business days of such notice, then all future payments due hereunder shall become immediately due and payable, with interest accruing on the unpaid balance due hereunder at the prevailing federal funds rate as of the date of default and beginning on the due date of the funds in default.
 - 4. Binding Effect, Claims Covered And Released.
- 4.1 Final Binding Resolution. This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between ERC, on behalf of itself and in the public interest, and NEG,

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of any alleged violations of Proposition 65 or its implementing regulations, and fully and finally resolves all claims that have been or could have been asserted in this action against NEG for failure to provide Proposition 65 warnings for the Covered Products regarding lead.

- 4.2 Plaintiff's Release of Defendant. Plaintiff, and its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, representatives, shareholders, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates (including those companies that are under common ownership and/or common control), divisions, predecessors, successors, and subdivisions, acting on behalf of itself and in the public interest, hereby permanently and fully release and discharge NEG, (including its limited and general partners), and its officers, directors, members, employees, agents, attorneys, representatives, shareholders, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates (including those companies that are under common ownership and/or common control), divisions, predecessors, successors, subdivisions, downstream distributors, downstream retailers, downstream customers, and upstream suppliers, and each entity to whom each of them directly or indirectly distributed or sold the Covered Products, including but not limited to distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, and any other person or entity in the course of doing business who distributed, marketed or sold the Covered Products, and excluding private label customers of Defendant (collectively "Released Parties"), from all claims of any nature up through the Effective Date based on exposure to lead from the Covered Products as set forth in the Proposition 65 Notices and/or the Second Amended Complaint.
- 4.3 ERC, on behalf of itself only, hereby releases and discharges the Released Parties from any and all known and unknown past, present, and future rights, claims, causes of action, suits, damages, penalties, liabilities, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, and attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses arising from or related to the claims asserted, or could have been asserted, under state or federal law, regarding the presence of lead in the

Covered Products or the facts alleged in the Proposition 65 Notices or the Second Amended Complaint.

- 4.4 Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment shall constitute compliance by the Released Parties with Proposition 65 with respect to alleged exposures to lead contained in the Covered Products.
- 4.5 Unknown Claims. It is possible that other injuries, damages, liability, or claims not now known to the Parties arising out of the facts alleged in the Notices or the Second Amended Complaint and relating to the Covered Products will develop or be discovered. ERC, on behalf of itself only, acknowledges that this Consent Judgment is expressly intended to cover and include all such injuries, damages, liability, and claims, including all rights of action therefor. ERC has full knowledge of the contents of California Civil Code section 1542. ERC, on behalf of itself only, acknowledges that the claims released in this Section 4 may include unknown claims, and nevertheless waives California Civil Code section 1542 as to any such unknown claims. California Civil Code section 1542 reads as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

ERC, on behalf of itself only, acknowledges and understands the significance and consequences of this specific waiver of California Civil Code section 1542.

- 5. Limits of Release. Nothing in this release is intended to apply to any occupational or environmental exposures arising under Proposition 65, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, nor shall it apply to any NEG products other than the Covered Products.
- 6. Release of Environmental Research Center. NEG, by this Consent Judgment, waives all rights to institute any form of legal action against ERC for all

actions or statements made or undertaken by ERC at or before the Effective Date in the course of seeking enforcement of Proposition 65 against Defendant by means of the Proposition 65 Notices.

- Attorney General's Office. Upon execution of this Consent Judgment by the Parties, Plaintiff shall file a Motion for Approval & Entry of Consent Judgment in the Los Angeles Superior Court pursuant to 11 California Code of Regulations § 3000, et seq. This motion shall be served upon all of the Parties to the Action and upon the California Attorney General's Office. In the event that the Court fails to approve and order entry of the judgment, this Consent Judgment shall become null and void upon the election of any Party as to them and upon written notice to all of the Parties to the Action pursuant to the notice provisions herein. The Parties shall use their best efforts to support entry of this Consent Judgment in the form submitted to the Office of the Attorney General. If the Attorney General objects in writing to any term in this Consent Judgment, the Parties shall use their best efforts to resolve the concern in a timely manner and prior to the hearing on the motion to approve this Consent Judgment.
- 8. Severability. In the event that any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment is held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions shall not be adversely affected.

9. Notice and Cure

9.1 No motion to enforce this Consent Judgment or application to show cause may be filed by ERC, unless ERC notifies NEG of the specific acts alleged to breach this Consent Judgment at least thirty (30) days before filing and serving any such motion or application. Any notice to NEG must contain (1) the name of the product; (2) the lead content of the product, with a copy of the analytical results and description of the testing methodology; (3) specific dates when the product was sold in California; (4) the store or

other place at which the product was purchased; and (5) any other evidence or other support for the allegations in the notice.

- 9.2 Within thirty (30) days of receiving the notice described in Section 9.1, NEG shall either (1) withdraw the product from sale in California, (2) provide the warning described in Section 1.1 for the product, or (3) refute the information provided under Section 9.1. Should the Parties be unable to resolve the dispute, any Party may, by motion or application for an order to show cause filed with this Court, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment under Section 10 of this Consent Judgment.
- 10. This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to enforce, modify or terminate this Consent Judgment. Only after it complies with Section 9 above, any party may, by motion or application for an order to show cause filed with this Court to enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment. The prevailing party may request that the Court award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with such motion or application.
- 11. Governing Law. The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California, regardless of the physical locations of the individuals executing this Consent Judgment at the time of execution.
- 12. Notices. All correspondence and notices required to be provided under this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and shall be sent by first class registered or certified mail addressed as follows. All correspondence to ERC shall be mailed to:

Environmental Research Center 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400 San Diego, CA 92108

And to:

Gideon Kracov 801 S. Grand Ave., 11th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017

All correspondence to Defendant shall be mailed to:

New England Greens LLC ATTN: Gina Clark 99 Railroad St. Canaan, CT 06018

And to:

Peg Carew Toledo MENNEMEIER, GLASSMAN & STROUD LLP 980 9th Street, Suite 1700 Sacramento, CA 95814

- 13. Integration & Modification. This Consent Judgment, together with the Exhibits A through C attached hereto which are specifically incorporated herein by this reference, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the rights and obligations herein granted and assumed, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the Parties. This Consent Judgment may be modified only upon the written agreement of the Parties and court approval of the Parties' modification.
- 14. Counterparts. This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same document.
- 15. Authorization. The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of their respective Parties and have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment.
- 16. No Admissions. The Parties enter into this Consent Judgment to settle disputed claims between them and to avoid prolonged litigation. By execution of this Consent Judgment, Defendant does not admit any violations of Proposition 65 or any other law or standard applicable to warning or disclosure concerning the manufacture, distribution, and/or sale of the Covered Products. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Defendant of any fact, issue of law, or violation of law; nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by Defendant of any fact, issue of law. Nothing in this

1	Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, or defense the		
2	Parties may have in any other or future legal proceeding. This paragraph shall not		
3	diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities, and duties of Defendant		
4	under this Consent Judgment.		
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6	DATED: 2/18/, 2013 By: Chris Heprinstall, Executive Director		
7	ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, Inc.		
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9	DATED: 2/20, 2013 By: Let y War. Ted Parker/President		
10	NEW ENGLAND GREENS LLC		
11	IT IS SO ORDERED.		
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16	HON. MICHAEL P. LINFIELD Judge, Superior Court		
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19	EXHIBITS A-C attached-		
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EXHIBIT A - Notices of Violation

[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT



Environmental Research Center

5694 Mission Center Road #199 San Diego, CA 92108 619.309.4194

September 24, 2010

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Current CEO or President 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 Heath 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.

This letter constitutes notification that New England Greens, LLC located at 403 Ashley Falls Rd Canaan, CT 06018 and Vibrant Heath, 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., 11th Fl., Los Angeles, CA 90017, 213-629-2071, gk@gideonlaw.net.

Sincerely,

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

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:

Current CEO or President New England Greens, LLC 403 Ashley Falls Rd Canaan, CT 06018 Current CEO or President Vibrant Health 99 Railroad Street Canaan, CT 06018

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

On September 24, 2010, I served the following documents: NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(d)(1) 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:

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

On September 24, 2010, I served the following documents: NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT on each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto, and depositing it with the U.S. Postal Service for delivery by Priority Mail.

Executed on September 24, 2010, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Chris Heptinstall

Service List

District Attorney, Alameda County 1225 Fallon Street, Room 900 Oakland, CA 94632

District Attorney, Alpine County P.O. Box 248 Markleeville, CA 96120

District Attorney, Amador County 708 Court Street, #202 Jackson, CA 95642

District Attorney, Butte County 25 County Center Drive Oroville, CA 95965

District Attorney, Calaveras County 891 Mountain Ranch Road San Andreas, CA 95249

District Attorney, Colusa County 547 Market Street Colusa, CA 95932

District Attorney, Contra Costa County 900 Ward Street Martinez, CA 94553

District Attorney, Del Norte County 450 H Street, Ste. 171 Crescent City, CA 95531

District Attorney, El Dorado County 515 Main Street Placerville, CA 95667

District Attorney, Fresno County 2220 Tulare Street, #1000 Fresno, CA 93721

District Attorney, Glenn County Post Office Box 430 Willows, CA 95988

District Attorney, Humboldt County 825 5th Street Eureka, CA 95501

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Re: Notice of Violation against New England Greens, LLC and Vibrant Heath 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 that is contained in the named products manufactured and distributed by New England Greens, LLC and Vibrant Health.

This letter constitutes notification that New England Greens, LLC located at 403 Ashley Falls Rd Canaan, CT 06018 and Vibrant Heath, 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. 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. The time period of these violations commenced one year after the listed dates above, at least since October 22, 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 from the following products:

Vibrant Health GREEN VIBRANCE JUNIOR + 3D – Apple

Vibrant Health - GREEN VIBRANCE

Vibrant Health - Joint Vibrance

Vibrant Health - Pure Green Protein Vanilla

Vibrant Health - Green Vibrance Original Meal Bar

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. (22 C.C.R. section 12601.) While in the course of doing business, the company is knowingly and intentionally exposing people to lead 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., 11th Fl., Los Angeles, CA 90017, 213-629-2071, gk@gideonlaw.net.

Sincerely,

Chris Heptinstall

Executive Director, Environmental Research Center

cc: Karen A. Evans

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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: October 22, 2010

Gideon Kracov, Attorney At Law

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

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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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Executed on October 22, 2010, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

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November 14, 2012

NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.5 *ET SEQ*. (PROPOSITION 65)

Dear Alleged Violators and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

I am the Executive Director of the Environmental Research Center ("ERC"). ERC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

ERC has identified violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65"), which is codified at California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 et seq., with respect to the products identified below. These violations have occurred and continue to occur because the alleged Violators identified below failed to provide required clear and reasonable warnings with these products. This letter serves as a notice of these violations to the alleged Violators and the appropriate public enforcement agencies. Pursuant to Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, ERC intends to file a private enforcement action in the public interest 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify these violations.

General Information about Proposition 65. A copy of a summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, is an attachment with the copy of this letter served to the alleged Violators identified below.

<u>Alleged Violators</u>. The name of the companies covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter "the Violators") are:

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<u>Consumer Products and Listed Chemicals</u>. The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemical in that product identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

Vibrant Health Glycemic Vibrance H – Lead

Vibrant Health Raw Food Super Natural Calcium PurePlant Calcium from Hydrilla Verticillata - Lead

Vibrant Health The Convenient Organic Lemonade Diet Vibrant Cleanse - Lead

Vibrant Health Field of Greens Version 1.0 - Gluten Free - Lead

New England Greens LLC dba Vibrant Health Dr. Colin's Reproductive Health Ferti-boost Kit - Lead (products included in kit listed below)

- Male Nourishing Formula
- Male Stimulating Formula
- Male Regulating Formula

New England Greens LLC dba Vibrant Health Dr. Colin's Reproductive Health Ferti-boost Kit - Lead (products included in kit listed below)

- Female Nourishing Formula
- Female Stimulating Formula
- Female Regulating Formula

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer.

It should be noted that ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations and result in subsequent notices of violations.

Route of Exposure. The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the purchase, acquisition, handling and recommended use of these products. Consequently, the primary route of exposure to these chemicals has been and continues to be through ingestion, but may have also occurred and may continue to occur through inhalation and/or dermal contact.

Approximate Time Period of Violations. Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least November 14, 2009, as well as every day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until these known toxic chemicals are either removed from or reduced to allowable levels in the products. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemicals. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product label. The Violators violated Proposition 65 because it failed to provide persons handling and/or using these products with appropriate warnings that they are being exposed to these chemicals.

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Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and a desire to have these ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified, ERC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that includes an enforceable written agreement by the Violators to: (1) reformulate the identified products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemicals, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of these products; and (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemicals, as well as an expensive and time consuming litigation.

My contact information is listed above; however, please direct all questions concerning this notice to ERC's counsel, Gideon Kracov, Esq., at 801 S. Grand Ave., 11th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017, phone number 213-629-2071.

Sincerely,

Chris Heptinstall
Executive Director
Environmental Research Center

Attachments

Certificate of Merit
Certificate of Service
OEHHA Summary (to Vibrant Health, New England Greens, LLC and its Registered
Agent for Service of Process only)
Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

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

I, Chris Heptinstall, declare:

- 1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached 60-day notice in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
 - 2. I am the Executive Director 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 chemicals that are 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 Violators 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: November 14, 2012

Chris Heptinstall

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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. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. The envelope or package was placed in the mail at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

On November 14, 2012, 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 with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

Current President or CEO New England Greens, LLC 403 Ashley Falls Road Canaan, CT 06018 Current President or CEO Vibrant Health 99 Railroad Street Canaan, CT 06018

Mark Timon (Registered Agent for New England Greens, LLC) 403 Ashley Falls Road Canaan, CT 06018

On November 14, 2012, I served the following documents: NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(d)(1) 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 with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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

On November 14, 2012, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5** *ET SEQ.*; **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** on each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto, and depositing it with the U.S. Postal Service with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Priority Mail.

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Executed on November 14, 2012, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

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EXHIBIT B: Letter to Retailers and Distributors

(For use if New England Greens provides sticker and/or hang tag warnings pursuant to Section 1.1)

THIS COMMUNICATION APPLIES ONLY TO RETAIL LOCATIONS IN CALIFORNIA

New England Greens / Vibrant Health (NEG) has entered into a Consent Judgment with Environmental Research Center, Inc. (ERC) for the State of California regarding the presence of lead in specified dietary supplements sold in California.

Under the terms of this Consent Judgment, NEG is providing the enclosed warning stickers and/or hang tags to you so that they can be affixed to any of the specified dietary supplements identified below.

If you are a retailer, we require that you affix the warning stickers and/or hang tags where the identified products are sold to California consumers. If you are a distributor, we require that you provide these warning stickers and/or hang tags to whom you distribute the identified products and instruct them to affix the warning stickers and/or hang tags when the identified products are sold to California customers.

Please sign and return the written acknowledgment below within 30 days of receiving this letter to acknowledge that you have received the warnings and that you will use them in accordance with these specifications until you receive written instruction from NEG to the contrary.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you need more stickers and/or hang tags or have any questions, such as the appropriate warning locations on the product (s), please contact [Contact Information].

20	Acknowledged by:	
21		(Signature)
22		(Print Name)
23		(Company/Store Location)
24		(Date)
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2	EXHIBIT C: Follow-Up Letter to Retailers and Distributors		
3	(For use if New England Greens provides sticker and/or hang tag warnings pursuant to Section 1.1)		
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5	THIS COMMUNICATION APPLIES ONLY TO RETAIL LOCATIONS IN CALIFORNIA		
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7	On [Date], New England Greens (NEG) sent you a letter enclosing stickers and/or		
8	hang tag warnings to affix to NEG products to which you distribute its dietary supplements, pursuant to a Consent Judgment entered into between NEG and		
9	Environmental Research Center, Inc. (ERC) regarding the presence of lead in specified dietary supplements sold in California.		
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11	Warning stickers and/or hang tags are to be affixed to any of the specified dietary supplements identified below that are sold in your stores in California or stores in California to which you distribute these supplements. The stickers and/or hang tags may not be covered or obscured, and should be placed and displayed in such a way that they are likely to be read and understood by customers.		
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14	We have not received your written acknowledgment that you have received the stickers and/or hang tags and that your stores will affix them to the products, or, if you are a distributor, that you will provide the stickers and/or hang tags and instructions to		
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16	California retailers to whom you distribute the identified products. Please sign and return the written acknowledgment below as soon as possible to acknowledge that you have		
17	received the stickers and/or hang tags and that they will be used or provided in accordance with these specifications until you receive written instructions from NEG to the contrary.		
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19	Thank you for your cooperation. If you need more signs or have any questions, such as the appropriate warning locations on the product(s), please contact [Contact Information].		
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21	Acknowledged by:		
22	(Signature)		
23			
24	(Print Name)		
25	(Company/Store Location)		
26	(Date)		