

California Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES

PROPOSITION 65
PRE-REGULATORY WORKSHOP FOR POTENTIAL NEW REGULATION

Naturally-Occurring Background Levels for Certain Chemicals Found in Un-Processed Foods

TITLE 27, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
SECTION 25501.1

AUGUST 28, 2015

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is the lead agency for implementation of Proposition 65.¹ As part of its duties, OEHHA has authority to adopt, amend and repeal regulations related to the Act, including safe harbor levels for listed chemicals.²

OEHHA is considering adopting a regulation that would establish background levels for certain ubiquitous chemicals, such as lead that are naturally present in unprocessed foods.

As a starting point for discussion, OEHHA is providing draft regulatory language and explanatory information for a possible new regulation on its website at www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65. *These are pre-regulatory documents that could change substantially prior to the commencement of a formal rulemaking.* Additional opportunities for public comment will be provided during the formal rulemaking process.

The workshop will be held on **October 14, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the Coastal Hearing Room at the CalEPA Headquarters building at 1001 I Street in Sacramento. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the workshop and participate in the discussion. Comments should be submitted in writing to the address noted below by **5:00 p.m. on October 28, 2015**. Comments received during the public comment period will be posted on the OEHHA web site after the close of the comment period. Electronic files submitted should not have any form of encryption.

All submissions should be directed to:

¹ The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, codified at Health and Safety Code section 25249.5, et seq., and commonly referred to as Proposition 65; hereafter referred to as "Proposition 65" or "the Act".

² See Health and Safety Code section 25249.12 and Title 27, Cal. Code of Regs., sections 25102(o) and 25801

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