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RE: Scientific Review of Proposition 65 Warning Regulation

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

In response to your request for peer review of proposed revision to the Proposition 65 warning regulation, my comments on the rationale based on the issues raised in your letter of February 11, 2015, are as follows:

1. The criteria appear to be appropriate given the challenge of setting a balance between adequately informing the public of the presence of chemicals which represent a health risk and overwhelming them with too much information which can discourage them from taking the situation seriously and altering their activities so as to minimize risk to their health.
2. The 12 chemicals/chemical groups listed appear to meet the selection criteria. This assumes that all of the chemicals within those groups: organic and inorganic arsenics, organic and inorganic mercurics, and the phthalates including all PVC products. The listing of benzene would also apply to environmental tobacco smoke.
3. The reference and resource materials listed represent the most comprehensive compilations of information regarding these chemicals based on the dates they were completed. New literature would be helpful for some of these chemicals, but would likely strengthen the previous conclusions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. G. Plopper".

Charles G. Plopper, PhD
Professor Emeritus