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Dear Mr. Drury:

Thank you for your letter of July 31, 2002, to Joan E. Denton, Ph.D., Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), nominating perchlorate for review by the State's Qualified Experts to determine whether the chemical should be listed as known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity under Proposition 65. You note that due to widespread exposure in California, perchlorate should follow the abbreviated procedure for reaching the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee (DART Committee) as described in OEHHA's May 1997, document "Procedure for Prioritizing Candidate Chemicals for Consideration Under Proposition 65 by the 'State's Qualified Experts.'"

Perchlorate is an important environmental contaminant, with widespread low-level exposures potentially affecting millions of Californians. Dr. Denton consulted on this issue with Dr. Marion Miller, newly appointed Chair of the DART Committee, the State's Qualified Experts for reproductive toxicity assessment under Proposition 65. Perchlorate will be placed on the agenda of the next DART Committee meeting, which will be held on December 4, 2002, in Sacramento. The DART Committee will be asked at the upcoming meeting to determine whether it wants to consider perchlorate at its next meeting for listing under Proposition 65. We will provide your letter to the DART Committee as part of the background material for discussion.

Thank you for bringing this important public health issue to our attention. Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact me at (916) 324-2831.

Sincerely,

Val F. Siebal
Chief Deputy Director

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