

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT
SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986
(PROPOSITION 65)**

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES
October 7, 1999**

**EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR
DRAFT CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFYING CHEMICALS FOR LISTING AS “KNOWN
TO THE STATE TO CAUSE CANCER”**

The California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).

The Carcinogen Identification Committee of OEHHA's Science Advisory Board identifies chemicals for addition to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause cancer, which is mandated by Health and Safety Code Section 25249.8. The Committee serves as the State's qualified experts for rendering an opinion whether a chemical has been clearly shown, through scientifically valid testing according to generally accepted principles, to cause cancer.

The Committee has developed draft criteria for identifying chemicals for listing as known to the state to cause cancer and on September 3, 1999, OEHHA made the draft criteria available for distribution. The criteria were the subject of an agenda item at the October 7, 1999 meeting of the Carcinogen Identification Committee. The Committee received requests to extend the opportunity to provide public comment on the draft criteria. The Chairman has extended the public comment period to **Tuesday, November 2, 1999**, (60 days from the original release of the document).

One original set and seven copies of the comments should be sent by mail, fax, or delivered in person or courier to:

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Upon receipt of comments, OEHHA will index and organize the comments and forward copies to the members of the Committee for their review and consideration. A future public notice will be published announcing the date at which the Committee will meet to make a decision regarding the criteria.