California Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

Notice to Interested Parties
December 6, 2002

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public Comments on the Second Draft Technical Support Document for a Proposed Public Health Goal for PERCHLORATE in Drinking Water

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) of the California Environmental Protection Agency previously made available the first Draft Technical Support Document for a Proposed Public Health Goal (PHG) for Perchlorate in Drinking Water. This draft document was posted on the OEHHA Web site (www.oehha.ca.gov) on March 11, 2002. A one-day public workshop was held on April 29, 2002, to discuss the scientific basis of the proposed PHG. OEHHA follows the requirements set forth in Health and Safety Code, Sections 57003 and 116365, for conducting the workshop and receiving public input.

Following the workshop and public comment period, OEHHA evaluated all the comments received, revised the document, and is presently making the revised document available for a 45-day public review and scientific comment period. This second review and comment period is announced and published in the California Regulatory Notice Register and is posted on the OEHHA Web site. The responses to the significant comments from the public and scientific reviewers will be available on the OEHHA Web site upon publication of the final risk assessment for perchlorate.

Oral and written comments received at the workshop were considered during the revision of the draft technical support document. Written comments regarding the revised risk assessment must be received at OEHHA by 5:00 p.m. on January 24, 2003, to be considered.

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Printed copies of the draft technical support document may be obtained for a fee from:

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