California Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

Notice to Interested Parties
March 8, 2002

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public Workshop
Discussion of the 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 announces the availability of the Draft Technical Support Document for a Proposed Public Health Goal (PHG) for Perchlorate in Drinking Water. This first publicly-released draft of the document will be posted on the OEHHA Web site (www.oehha.ca.gov) on March 11, 2002. In addition, a one-day public workshop will be held on April 29, 2002, at the Elihu Harris Building, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland, California to discuss the scientific basis and recommendations in the draft document. A summary of the scientific peer review comments received so far will be available at the workshop or upon request. The workshop will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will last until all business for the day is concluded or 4:30 p.m. OEHHA follows the requirements set forth in Health and Safety Code, Sections 57003(a) and 116365, for the workshop and public input.

The workshop is planned to encourage a dialogue between OEHHA scientists and the public, to discuss the PHG recommendations and to receive comments. Following the workshop, OEHHA will revise the document as appropriate, and make it available for a 30-day public review and scientific comment period. This second review and comment period will be announced and published in the California Regulatory Notice Register and posted on the OEHHA Web site. The responses to the major comments from the public at the workshop and during the two public review and scientific comment periods, as well as from peer reviewers at the University of California system and state and federal agencies, will also be available on the OEHHA Web site.

Oral and written comments received at the workshop will be considered during the revision of the draft technical support document. Written comments must be received at OEHHA by 5:00 p.m. April 29, 2002, to be considered during this first revision of the document.

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

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2015 Shattuck Avenue
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If you would like to receive further information on this announcement or have questions, please contact our office at (510) 622-3170 or the address below. Written requests or comments should be addressed to:

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