

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT

Meeting Synopsis and Slide Presentations from the Carcinogen Identification Committee Meeting Held on November 15, 2016

A meeting of the Proposition 65¹ Carcinogen Identification Committee (CIC)² was held on November 15, 2016, at the California Environmental Protection Agency headquarters building in Sacramento, California. The committee considered nitrite in combination with amines or amides for listing as known to the state to cause cancer.

The CIC also provided OEHHA with its advice concerning the relative priority of five chemicals (or chemical groups) for possible consideration for listing at a future meeting of the CIC.

A summary of the meeting is provided below. [The meeting agenda is available here.](#)

[The meeting transcript will be posted here when available.](#)

SUMMARY OF THE LISTING DECISION FOR NITRITE IN COMBINATION WITH AMINES OR AMIDES

The CIC, by a unanimous vote of the six members in attendance, made the following determination:

- **Nitrite in combination with amines or amides** has not been clearly shown through scientifically valid testing according to generally accepted principles to cause cancer, by a unanimous vote. Consequently, nitrite in combination with amines or amides will not be listed as causing cancer. Based on discussion at the Panel meeting, nitrite in combination with specific types of amines or amides may be presented to the CIC at a later date.

SUMMARY OF CHEMICAL PRIORITIZATION DISCUSSION

OEHHA referred five chemicals (or chemical groups) to the CIC for advice and consultation pursuant to the OEHHA Proposition 65 Prioritization Procedure. See the table below for specific advice from the CIC concerning chemical priority assignments.

¹ The Safe Drinking Water and Toxics Enforcement Act of 1986, codified at Health and Safety Code section 25249.5 *et seq.*

² Health and Safety Code section 25249.8(b) and Title 27, Cal. Code of Regs., section 25302 *et seq.*

Chemical	Recommended Priority
Aspartame	Medium/High
Asphalt and Asphalt Emissions Associated with Road Paving	Low
Asphalt and Asphalt Emissions Associated with Roofing	Medium
Methyl Chloride	Medium
Type I Pyrethroids	---
Individual Type I Pyrethroids	Medium
Vinyl Acetate	Medium

UPDATE OF THE SECTION 27000 LIST OF CHEMICALS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY TESTED AS REQUIRED

The CIC voted unanimously in favor of updating the Section 27000 list of Chemicals That Have Not Been Adequately Tested As Required, based on information provided by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and the US EPA.

STAFF UPDATES

The Committee was provided with updates on activities related to chemical listings, adoption of Safe Harbor Levels, Proposition 65 litigation, and other regulatory activities.

DOWNLOADS

Nitrite in combination with amines and amides – staff presentation

Prioritization – staff presentation

Public comment presentation [Aspartame; Lisa Lefferts]

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Section 27000 – staff presentation

Staff updates – staff presentation