

California Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

**UPDATED**  
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES

**HEARING ON CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PETITION REQUESTING  
ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS SETTING A “NATURALLY OCCURRING” LEAD  
LEVEL IN CANDY CONTAINING CHILI AND TAMARIND -  
RESCHEDULED FOR JULY 6, 2017**

June 2, 2017

On March 14, 2017, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) received a letter on behalf of the Center for Environmental Health (CEH) requesting that OEHHA “commence the regulatory process to issue regulations pursuant to Health & Safety Code §110552 setting a ‘naturally occurring’ lead level in candy containing chili and tamarind.” This letter is considered a petition for rulemaking under Government Code section 11340.6.

Following review of the petition and related materials, OEHHA has decided to schedule the matter for public hearing. Therefore, pursuant to Government Code section 11340.7(a), OEHHA is providing this Notice of Hearing on the petition. Pursuant to requests from interested parties, the hearing is being rescheduled for **July 6, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in the Sierra Hearing Room at the CalEPA Headquarters building at 1001 I Street in Sacramento. The hearing will be webcast. **Note both the meeting date and room have changed.** The URL for the webcast (not active until the day and time of the hearing) is: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>

Included with this notice is a copy of the relevant statute.

Interested parties are encouraged to attend the hearing and participate in the discussion. They may also submit comments regarding the petition and potential rulemaking. Comments should be submitted in writing to the address noted below by **5:00 p.m. on July 20, 2017**. Comments received during the public comment period will be posted on the OEHHA website after the close of the comment period. Electronic files submitted should not have any form of encryption. An additional opportunity for public comment will be provided if OEHHA decides to formally propose a regulation.

We encourage that any comments be sent electronically to [LeadinCandy.Comments@oehha.ca.gov](mailto:LeadinCandy.Comments@oehha.ca.gov)

Submissions may also be mailed to:

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If you have special accommodations or language needs, please contact Monet Vela at (916) 323-2517 or [monet.vela@oehha.ca.gov](mailto:monet.vela@oehha.ca.gov) by June 22, 2017.