

**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
September 4, 2026**

**Announcement of the Carcinogen Identification Committee Meeting Scheduled
for November 17, 2026;**

**Notice of Availability of Hazard Identification Materials for
Ethoprop, a Chemical Listed Under the Authoritative Body Mechanism and Under
Review for Possible Delisting by the Carcinogen Identification Committee**

The California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) will convene a meeting of the Carcinogen Identification Committee (CIC). OEHHA is referring ethoprop to the CIC, the state's qualified experts for carcinogenicity determinations (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 27 section 25305(a)(1)) under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, codified at Health and Safety Code section 25249.5 et seq. (Proposition 65), for a recommendation concerning whether the chemical should continue to be included on the list of chemicals known to the state to cause cancer (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 27 section 25306(j)) at a public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2026. OEHHA is also opening a 45-day public comment period on the hazard identification document entitled "Ethoprop. A chemical listed "as causing cancer" by the authoritative bodies mechanism and under review by the Carcinogen Identification Committee." **The public comment period will end on Monday, October 19, 2026.** A copy of the document is available on OEHHA's website at <https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65>.

Background

OEHHA is the lead agency for implementation of Proposition 65. The CIC advises and assists OEHHA in compiling the list of chemicals known to the state to cause cancer within the meaning of the Act, as required by Proposition 65 (Health and Safety Code section 25249.8.). The CIC serves as the state's qualified experts for determining whether a chemical has been clearly shown through scientifically valid testing according to generally accepted principles to cause cancer within the meaning of the Act (Health and Safety Code section 25249.8(b), Cal. Code Regs. tit. 27 section 25305(a)).

Ethoprop was listed "as causing cancer" under Proposition 65 on February 27, 2001, based on its classification by the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA, 1997)¹

¹ US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA, 1997). Cancer Assessment Document. Evaluation of the Carcinogenic Potential of Ethoprop. Cancer Assessment Review Committee. Health Effects Division. Office of Pesticide Programs. September 25, 1997.

as “likely to be carcinogenic in humans.” In 2020, US EPA revised the classification of ethoprop to “Suggestive Evidence of Carcinogenic Potential” (US EPA, 2020).² When a chemical is no longer identified by the authoritative body as causing cancer, the chemical is referred to the CIC. In this case, ethoprop is not identified by any other authoritative body as causing cancer and no other administrative listing mechanism applies. The CIC then recommends whether the chemical should continue to be included on the list of chemicals known to the state to cause cancer. To make such a recommendation, the CIC determines whether the chemical has been “clearly shown through scientifically valid testing according to generally accepted principles to cause cancer.”

A request for relevant information on the potential carcinogenicity of this chemical opened on December 19, 2025, and closed on February 2, 2026. No submissions were received.

Public Meeting and Public Comment Period

The CIC will recommend whether ethoprop should continue to be included on the list of chemicals known to the state to cause cancer at a public meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, November 17, 2026**. This meeting will be held in Sacramento and online, with the option of participating in person or via the internet. Participate in person at Sierra Hearing Room 1001 I St., Sacramento, CA or [register online to participate via a Zoom webinar](#). The meeting will begin at 10:00 am and last until all business is conducted or until 5:00 pm.

The meeting agenda and detailed instructions for providing oral comment will be provided in a future public notice published in advance of the meeting.

Persons who do not wish to attend a hearing in a location that is public and therefore open to anyone are encouraged to attend electronically and/or to submit written comments.

All written comments must be submitted to OEHHA by electronic submission, mail, or in person hand-delivery, by **Monday, October 19, 2026**. OEHHA strongly recommends that comments be submitted electronically through our website at <https://oehha.ca.gov/comments> rather than in paper form. Alternatively, comments can be submitted in paper form, either by mail or delivered in person.

Comments may be submitted anonymously and will be considered by OEHHA to the same extent as other comments, although OEHHA encourages commenters to include their name and affiliation when possible.

Mailed submission via United States Postal Service:

² US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA, 2020). Cancer Assessment Document. Re-evaluation of the Carcinogenic Potential of Ethoprop. Cancer Assessment Review Committee. Health Effects Division. Office of Pesticide Programs. March 16, 2020.

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OEHHA encourages all commenters to submit their comments in a format compliant with Section 508 of the federal Rehabilitation Act, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 (<https://www.w3.org/WAI/standards-guidelines/wcag>) and California Government Code sections 7405 and 11135, so that they can be read using screen reader technology.

All timely filed public comments will be provided to CIC members in advance of the meeting and will be posted on the OEHHA website at the close of the comment period.

OEHHA is subject to the California Public Records Act and other laws that require the release of certain information upon request. If you provide comments, please be aware that your name and comment may be available to third parties and that OEHHA posts comments on its website.

If you would like to request a copy of the hazard identification document, or have any other questions regarding this announcement, please contact Kiana Vaghefi at Kiana.Vaghefi@oehha.ca.gov or 916-322-1268.