

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF THE SECOND DRAFT OF THE TECHNICAL SUPPORT DOCUMENT FOR THE PROPOSED UPDATED PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL FOR N-NITROSODIMETHYLAMINE (NDMA) IN DRINKING WATER

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The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is announcing the availability of the second draft of the technical support document for the proposed updated Public Health Goal (PHG) for N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) in drinking water.

The California Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996¹ requires OEHHA to develop PHGs based exclusively on public health considerations.² A PHG is the level of a drinking water contaminant at which adverse health effects are not expected to occur from a lifetime of exposure. NDMA is a known carcinogen. For carcinogens, health-protective water concentrations are determined for both cancer and noncancer effects, and the lowest (most health-protective) value is selected as the PHG. PHGs published by OEHHA are considered by the State Water Resources Control Board in setting drinking water regulatory standards (Maximum Contaminant Levels, or MCLs) for California.³

The second draft of the technical support document, posted on the OEHHA website (<https://oehha.ca.gov/water>), presents the scientific information available on the cancer and noncancer toxicity of NDMA. The proposed updated PHG for NDMA of 0.0005 parts per billion (ppb) is based on bile duct, liver cell, and mesenchymal tumors in male rats administered NDMA orally. While the proposed PHG remains the same in the second draft of the technical support document, revisions providing greater clarity were incorporated in response to public and peer review comments.

The first draft of the technical support document was released for a 45-day public comment period in December 2024, a public workshop was held on January 20, 2025, and the first draft underwent an external scientific peer review in October 2025. The second draft of the technical support document is being released for a 30-day public comment period that begins September 11, 2026, and ends October 12, 2026.

The public is encouraged to submit written comments electronically via OEHHA's website, rather than in paper form. Comments may be submitted electronically through the following link: <https://oehha.ca.gov/comments>.

Alternatively, the submission can be in paper form, either by mail or delivered in person to the address below. Any written comments concerning this draft PHG document, regardless of the form or method of transmission, must be received by the PHG program by **October 12, 2026**, to be considered.

OEHHA encourages all submissions to be in a format compliant with Section 508 of the federal Rehabilitation Act, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 ([see the](#)

¹ Codified at Health and Safety Code section 116270 *et seq.*

² Health and Safety Code section 116365(c).

³ Health and Safety Code sections 116365(a) and (b).

[World Wide Web Consortium \[W3C\] WCAG 2 Overview](#)), and California Government Code sections 7405 and 11135, so that they can be read using screen reader technology.

OEHHA is subject to the California Public Records Act and other laws that require the release of certain information upon request. Your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information such as your name, screen name, address, and email address may be available to third parties.

Following the public comment period, OEHHA will evaluate all the comments received and revise the document and findings as appropriate. The final document will be posted on the OEHHA website along with responses to the external scientific peer review comments and to significant comments, data, studies, or other written information submitted by interested persons.

If you would like to receive further information on this announcement or have questions, please contact Hermelinda Jimenez at PHG.Program@oehha.ca.gov or at (916) 324-7572. Written inquiries should be sent to:

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