

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT
SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986
(PROPOSITION 65)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO LIST CHEMICALS BY THE LABOR CODE MECHANISM:
ATRAZINE

OCTOBER 9, 2026

The California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) intends to list atrazine as known to the state to cause cancer under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Health and Safety Code (HSC) sections 25249.5 et seq., otherwise known as Proposition 65.

This action is being proposed pursuant to the "Labor Code" listing mechanism described below. OEHHA has determined that atrazine meets the criteria for listing by this mechanism.

Background on listing by the Labor Code mechanism: Health and Safety Code section 25249.8(a) incorporates California Labor Code section 6382(b)(1) into Proposition 65. The law requires that certain substances identified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) be listed as known to cause cancer under Proposition 65. Labor Code section 6382(b)(1) refers to substances identified as human or animal carcinogens by IARC. OEHHA has adopted regulations concerning these listings in Title 27, California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 25904. As the lead agency for the implementation of Proposition 65, OEHHA evaluates whether a chemical's listing is required.

OEHHA's determination: *Atrazine* meets the requirements for listing as known to the state to cause cancer for purposes of Proposition 65 (27 CCR § 25904(b)(1)).

IARC published on its website a list entitled "Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs, Volumes 1 - 142" (IARC, 2026). IARC classified *atrazine* in Group 2A ("probably carcinogenic to humans") based on the conclusions of "limited" evidence for cancer in humans with "sufficient" evidence for cancer in experimental animals and "strong" mechanistic evidence in experimental systems (Cattley et al. 2025).

Opportunity for comment: OEHHA is providing this opportunity to comment as to whether the chemical identified above meets the requirements for listing as causing cancer (HSC § 25249.8(a); 27, CCR, § 25904(b)). Since this is a ministerial listing, comments should be limited to whether IARC has sufficiently identified the specific chemical or substance as a human or animal carcinogen. Under this listing mechanism, OEHHA cannot consider scientific arguments concerning the weight or quality of the

evidence considered by IARC when it identified this chemical and will not respond to such comments if they are submitted.

Submission of Comments

All written comments must be submitted to OEHHA by electronic submission, mail, or hand-delivery, by **Monday, November 9, 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.

Mailed submission via the United States Postal Service:

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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 (WCAG) 2.1 ([the 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.

Comments received during the public comment period will be posted on the OEHHA website after 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, address, and e-mail may be available to third parties.

If you have any questions, please contact Kiana Vaghefi at Kiana.Vaghefi@oehha.ca.gov or at (916) 322-1268.

References

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