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: AUTOMOTIVE GASOLINE

NOVEMBER 20, 2026

The California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) intends to list automotive gasoline 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 automotive gasoline 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: *Automotive gasoline* 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 "IARC Monographs on the Identification of Carcinogenic Hazards to Humans, Volume 138, Automotive Gasoline and Some Oxygenated Gasoline Additives" (IARC, 2026). IARC concluded that *automotive gasoline* is "carcinogenic to humans" (Group 1) based on "sufficient" evidence for cancer in humans and also on the combination of "sufficient" evidence for cancer in experimental animals and "strong" mechanistic evidence for key characteristics of carcinogens in exposed humans (IARC, 2026).

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, December 21, 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

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC 2026). IARC Monographs on the Identification of Carcinogenic Hazards to Humans, Volume 138, Automotive Gasoline and Some Oxygenated Gasoline Additives. IARC, World Health Organization, Lyon, France. Available from https://publications.iarc.who.int/652.