

California Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES

**TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR
HEARING ON CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PETITION REQUESTING
ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS SETTING A “NATURALLY OCCURRING” LEAD
LEVEL IN CANDY CONTAINING CHILI AND TAMARIND**

June 23, 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.

OEHHA is convening a hearing on the Petition on **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. Following is the tentative agenda for the hearing:

- I. Welcome/Introductions
- II. Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment:
Summary of Center for Environmental Health’s Petition for Rulemaking
- III. California Department of Public Health:
Lead in Tested Candies and Trends Over Time
- IV. Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment:
An Approach to Setting a Naturally Occurring Level of Lead in Candy
- V. Public Comments**
- VI. Wrap-Up/Next Steps

** NOTE: Public comments will be limited to 3-5 minutes per person, depending on the number of persons who wish to speak, in order to ensure that all persons who wish to speak have the opportunity to do so. Timing and order of speakers is at the discretion of the Hearing Officer.

The hearing will be webcast. The URL for the webcast (not active until the day and time of the hearing) is: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>

A copy of the relevant statute can be found at https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=HSC§ionNum=110552.

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

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 by June 29, 2017.