

**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
March 28, 2003**

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMENT ON
A REQUEST FOR A SAFE USE DETERMINATION
FOR CRYSTALLINE SILICA IN INTERIOR LATEX PAINTS**

The California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65). OEHHA has received a request from the California Paint Council on behalf of the National Paint and Coatings Association (NPCA) that OEHHA grant a safe use determination for the use of interior latex paints used to cover or decorate the interior of buildings and the potential exposure to airborne particles of crystalline silica of respirable size that may result during the course of painting activities (e.g., painting and sanding). The request is made pursuant to Section 12204 (formerly Section 12104) of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (22 CCR). In accordance with the process set forth in Section 12204(f) of 22 CCR, a public hearing will be convened on **Monday, April 28, 2003**, in the Central Valley Auditorium, California Environmental Protection Agency Building, 1001 I Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, California, as an opportunity for comment on this request for a safe use determination. The hearing will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will end when all business is conducted or 5:00 p.m.

Written comments provided in **triplicate**, along with supporting information, may be submitted to:

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In order to be considered, comments must be postmarked (if sent by mail) or received at OEHHA (if hand-delivered or sent by FAX) by 5:00 p.m., **Monday, April 28, 2003**.