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 September 30, 2022

Announcement of the Carcinogen Identification Committee Meeting Scheduled for December 14, 2022; Notice of Availability of Hazard Identification Materials for Bisphenol A (BPA)

The California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) will convene a meeting of the Carcinogen Identification Committee (CIC) for possible listing of bisphenol A (BPA) under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65)¹. OEHHA is also opening a 45-day public comment period on the hazard identification document for this chemical. **The public comment period will end on Monday, November 14, 2022.** A copy of the document is available on OEHHA's web site at <u>https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65</u>. The document may also be requested from OEHHA's Proposition 65 Implementation Office by calling (916) 445-6900.

Background

OEHHA is the lead agency for implementation of Proposition 65. The CIC advises and assists OEHHA in compiling the list of chemicals known to the state to cause cancer as required by Proposition 65². The CIC serves as the state's qualified experts for determining whether a chemical has been clearly shown through scientifically valid testing according to generally accepted principles to cause cancer.

A request for relevant information on the potential carcinogenicity of this chemical opened on January 28, 2022 and closed on March 14, 2022. Three submissions were received and are posted on the OEHHA website³. OEHHA considered these submissions in preparing the hazard identification document.

Public Meeting and Public Comment Period

BPA will be considered for possible listing under Proposition 65 at a public meeting scheduled for **Wednesday**, **December 14**, **2022**. The meeting, which will be held

¹ Health and Safety Code section 25249.5 et seq.

² Health and Safety Code section 25249.8

³ See <u>https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/comments/comment-period-request-relevant-information-carcinogenicity-bisphenol-bpa</u>

virtually, will begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until all business is conducted or until 5:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting and instructions on how to participate will be provided in a future public notice published in advance of the meeting.

The public may provide oral comments at the meeting on December 14, 2022. These comments will be limited to five minutes per commenter, except for those commenters who make a request by November 14, 2022, and receive approval from the Chair of the CIC for longer comments. Please submit a request for additional time, with an estimate of the time you will need and the reason you are requesting additional time, to <u>P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov</u> or call the Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 by November 14, 2022.

All written comments must be submitted to OEHHA by electronic submission, mail, or hand-delivery, by **Monday, November 14, 2022.** OEHHA strongly recommends that comments be submitted electronically through our website at <u>https://oehha.ca.gov/comments</u> rather than in paper form. Alternatively, comments can be submitted in paper form, by either mail or delivered in person.

Mailed submission via United States Postal Service:

Attention: Esther Barajas-Ochoa Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment P. O. Box 4010, MS-12B Sacramento, California 95812-4010

In-person delivery submission:

Attention: Esther Barajas-Ochoa Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment 1001 I Street, 12th Floor Sacramento, California 95814

OEHHA encourages all commenters to submit their comments in a format compliant with Section 508 of the federal Rehabilitation Act, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2⁴ and California Government Code sections 7405 and 11135, so that they can be read using screen reader technology and people with visual impairments are able to listen to them.

All timely filed public comments will be provided to CIC members in advance of the meeting and will be posted on the OEHHA website at the close of the comment period.

⁴ <u>https://www.w3.org/WAI/standards-guidelines/wcag/</u>

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 Esther Barajas-Ochoa at <u>Esther.Barajas-Ochoa@oehha.ca.gov</u> or (916) 445-6900.