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PROPOSITION 65 — UPCOMING MEETING TOPICS

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

November 15: Public workshop on Refinement of the Prioritization Procedure and consideration of the draft prioritized candidate chemicals under consideration for carcinogenicity evaluation and reproductive toxicity evaluation.

December 4: Meeting of the Science Advisory Board's Developmental and and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee

Attached please find an announcement for a California Proposition 65 Workshop on the refinement of procedures for prioritizing chemicals for listing. Please note that two lists of chemicals are also provided in this announcement. The potential priority carcinogens and developmental and reproductive toxicants may be of concern to you. Even if this list does not contain chemicals of interest to you, the procedure for prioritizing chemicals should be of interest...it is likely to become the standard procedure and we have concerns that once a chemical is on the priority list it is "suspect" without being proven guilty.

If you would like the draft agendas or additional information please contact Dr. Marcie Francis (202-293-5374).

**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

October 4, 1996

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Draft Data Summaries**

**Request for Information on Chemicals to be Considered by the OEHHA
Science Advisory Board's Carcinogen Identification Committee**

**December 4, 1996, Meeting of the Science Advisory Board's Developmental and
Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee**

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). In this capacity, OEHHA is committed to public participation and peer review in its efforts to implement Proposition 65.

By this notice, OEHHA wishes to inform all interested parties of several upcoming events which are closely related by subject matter. The items listed above are explained in greater detail in three other separate notices which are published elsewhere in today's register.

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Any questions related to this notice or any other OEHHA notice published in today's register should be directed to:

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The California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), as lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65), has developed a procedure for prioritizing candidate chemicals for consideration under Proposition 65 by the "State's qualified experts". Two committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB), known as the Carcinogen Identification Committee, and the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant (DART) Identification Committee, serve as the State's qualified experts for rendering an opinion as to whether a chemical is known to the State to cause cancer or developmental and reproductive toxic effects.

As part of the development of the prioritization process, comment has been solicited from the public and the two SAB committees, during a workshop (December 1994), public comment periods (Fall 1994, Winter 1994, Spring 1995, Summer 1996), and SAB committee meetings (March 1994; May 1995, July 1996). The October 1996 draft of OEHHA's prioritization proposal, entitled *Procedure for Prioritizing Candidate Chemicals for Consideration Under Proposition 65 by the "State's Qualified Experts"*, reflects comments received thus far and identifies options for further refinement of the procedure. A workshop to present this draft procedure and provide further opportunity for public comment is scheduled to be held on Friday, November 15, 1996 at 400 P Street, Rooms 1160 and 1170, Sacramento, California, from 10:00 a.m. until all business has been conducted or until 5:00 p.m. The members of the Carcinogen Identification Committee and the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant (DART) Identification Committee will be invited to attend.

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This workshop will also serve as a public forum to receive comments on the May 1996 prioritized chemicals for carcinogenicity consideration, and on specific chemicals prioritized on the basis of reproductive toxicity concern. Verbal and written comments submitted during the previous public comment period for chemicals prioritized on the basis of carcinogenicity concern will be considered and need not be resubmitted. Three chemicals from the May 1996 group [5-chloro-*ortho*-toluidine and its hydrochloride (CASRN: 95-79-4), quinoline (CASRN: 91-22-5), and 2,4,5-trimethylaniline and its hydrochloride (CASRN: 137-17-7)] are the subject of a separate request for information, published elsewhere in today's register. These chemicals therefore are not on the agenda for public comment at the November 15, 1996 public forum.

Chemicals prioritized on the basis of carcinogenicity concern are:

CHEMICAL	CASRN
Acetaminophen (paracetamol)	103-90-2
Acetoxime	127-06-0
Acrolein	107-02-8
Benzyl acetate	140-1104
Butyl benzyl phthalate	85-68-7
Carbaryl	63-25-2
Chloramben	133-90-4
Chloroacetaldehyde	107-20-0
Chlorofluoromethane (fluorocarbon 31)	593-70-4
C.I. Disperse Yellow 3	2832-40-8
Clomiphene and its salts	911-45-5
Coumarin	91-64-5
Decabromobiphenyl oxide	1163-19-5
2,6-Dichloro-p-phenylenediamine	609-20-1
Ethyl parathion	56-38-2
Eugenol	97-53-0
Hydralazine and its hydrochloride	86-54-4 and 204-20-1
Hydroquinone	123-31-9
Isophorone	78-59-1
Mercuric chloride	7487-94-7
Naphthalene	91-20-3
Nitrofurantoin	67-20-9
5-Nitro- <i>ortho</i> -toluidine	99-55-8
2-Nitro-p-phenylenediamine	5307-14-2
Ozone	10028-15-6
Pentachloroanisole	1825-21-4
(pentachloromethoxybenzene)	
Propyl gallate	121-79-9
Semicarbazide hydrochloride	563-41-7
Trifluralin	1582-09-8
Vinyl acetate	108-05-4

Chemicals prioritized on the basis of reproductive toxicity concern are:

CHEMICAL	CASRN
Acrylamide	79-06-1
Aldrin	309-00-2
1,3-butadiene	106-99-0
Carbamazepine	298-46-4
Carbon tetrachloride	56-23-5
Chlordane	57-74-9
DDT	50-29-3
Ethylene dibromide	106-93-4
Formaldehyde	50-00-0
Heptachlor	76-44-8
Methylene chloride	75-09-2
Progesterone	57-83-0
2,4,5-T butyl ester	93-79-8
Trichloroethylene	79-01-6
Vinyl chloride	75-01-4

CASRN = Chemical Abstracts Service Registration Number

In the interest of assuring that time is provided for the discussion of both subjects (the prioritization procedure and the prioritized chemicals) the November 15, 1996 session will be divided into two segments. During the first part of the session, a brief summary of the October 1996 draft procedure will be presented, followed by the opportunity for comments, questions, and dialogue among the participants. During the second part of the session, which OEHHA anticipates will begin at 1:00 p.m., a brief staff presentation on the prioritized chemicals for carcinogenicity and reproductive toxicity consideration will be presented, followed by the opportunity for comments, questions, and dialogue among the participants. Dependent upon the participants' interest, after the public discussion on the prioritized chemicals, additional time will be provided to further discuss refinement of the prioritization procedure, as needed.

OEHHA is committed to public participation and external scientific peer review in its implementation of Proposition 65, and welcomes public input on the prioritization procedure. The publication of this notice marks the start of a 60-day public comment period on the October 1996 draft prioritization procedure.

This procedure, as well as lists of prioritized chemicals and draft data summaries are available from OEHHA's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at the address and telephone number indicated below, or from the Internet at the following address: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/oehha/>. Other materials available from the Proposition 65 Implementation Office include comments received on these chemicals during an earlier public comment period which closed on July 15, 1996.

Written comments may be sent by mail or fax to:

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In order to be considered, comments must be postmarked (if sent by mail) or received at
OEHHHA (if delivered in person or sent by fax) by 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 4, 1996.

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