

February 23, 2010

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Dear Dr. Solomon and Mr. Kar;

We reviewed your "Petition for Listing of Bisphenol A Pursuant to Authoritative Bodies Mechanism of Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986," dated July 15, 2009 and revised on July 22, 2009. Your petition requested that the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) initiate the listing process for bisphenol A (BPA) as known to cause reproductive toxicity via the "authoritative bodies" mechanism set out in Title 27, California Code of Regulations, Section 25306¹.

As you are aware, BPA is the subject of a final report by the National Toxicology Program's Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (NTP-CERHR). NTP-CERHR has been designated by the state's Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee as an authoritative body for the purposes of listing chemicals pursuant to Proposition 65.

OEHHA staff have completed their evaluation of the data relied upon by the authoritative body and have determined that the criteria in Section 25306 appear to have been met. Accordingly, we have initiated the process for BPA by submitting a request for relevant information notice to the *California Regulatory Notice Register* which was published on February 12, 2010 (enclosure).

Thank you for your interest in BPA and Proposition 65. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me at (916) 322-6325.

Sincerely,

Joan E. Denton, Ph.D.
Director

Enclosure

¹ All further references are to sections of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.