April 27, 2010

Dear Ms. Oshita and OEHHA:

We write on behalf of the Healthy Building Network to affirm OEHHA’s recognition of bisphenol A (BPA) as a reproductive and developmental toxicant under a Proposition 65 authoritative body listing.

While many are aware of the reproductive health concerns associated with BPA in baby bottles and/or food can liners, few are aware that BPA is a chemical component of epoxy resins used in building materials, including in high performance coatings (paints) and adhesives, which are widely used in buildings throughout the state of California. As an authoritative body, NTP-CERHR considered the emerging science regarding occupational exposure to epoxy resins made from BPA linking it to reproductive health concerns in humans. The NTP-CERHR listing makes clear that Proposition 65 labeling is warranted to inform users of potential hazards.

The Healthy Building Network support OEHHA’s listing of BPA as a developmental and reproductive toxicant under Proposition 65 so that consumers can make informed choices about their potential exposure to this harmful chemical.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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