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Draft Technical Support Documents on Proposed Public Health Goals for Cadmium, Glyphosate, N-Nitrosodimethylamine, and Water-Soluble Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Expected to be Found in Drinking Water

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) within the California Environmental Protection Agency is announcing the availability of the revised draft technical support documents for proposed Public Health Goals (PHGs) for cadmium, 2,4-D, glyphosate, N-nitrosodimethylamine, and water-soluble polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) expected to be found in drinking water. The draft documents are posted on the OEHHA Web site (www.oehha.ca.gov). OEHHA is soliciting comments on the draft reports during a 30-day comment period. OEHHA follows the requirements set forth in Health and Safety Code Sections 57003(a) and 116365 for receiving public input.

OEHHA will evaluate all the comments received and revise the document as appropriate. Written comments must be received at the OEHHA address below by 5:00 p.m. on September 4, to be considered before publication of the final document. The final document will be posted on our Web site along with responses to the major comments received during the public review and scientific comment periods.

The PHG technical support documents provide information on the health effects of contaminants in drinking water. The PHG is a level of drinking water contaminant at which adverse health effects are not expected to occur from a lifetime of exposure. The California Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996 (Health and Safety Code Section 116365) requires OEHHA to develop PHGs based exclusively on public health considerations. PHGs published by OEHHA will be considered by the California Department of Health Services in setting drinking water standards (Maximum Contaminant Levels, or MCLs).

If you would like to receive further information on this announcement or have questions, please contact our office at (510) 622-3170 or the address below.

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