



## Ask the 3Expert

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### ***“Which chemicals may soon be added to California Proposition 65?”***

The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) has issued notices of its intent to list five substances under Proposition 65: Furfuryl Alcohol (comment deadline: 31 August 2015); 1-Bromopropane (comment deadline: 10 August 2015); CMNP (Pyrazachlor) (comment deadline: 27 July 2015); Sedaxane (comment deadline: 27 July 2015); and Teriparatide (comment deadline was 20 July 2015). Ethylene Glycol (ingested) was also recently added to the Proposition 65 list, effective 19 June 2015.

The substance 1-bromopropane is used, according to OEHHA, "as a solvent cleaner in vapor and immersion degreasing operations for cleaning metals, plastics, and electronic and optical components. Also used in dry cleaning, asphalt production, and solvent and adhesive sprays. Has been used as an intermediate in the synthesis of pharmaceuticals, insecticides, quaternary ammonium compounds, flavors and fragrances."

Furfuryl alcohol is used "to produce furan resins, as a chemical intermediate in the synthesis of other chemicals, and as a solvent in textile printing and alkaline paint strippers." The chemical is "formed in foods during thermal processing and as a result of the dehydration of sugars."

Sedaxane is "a broad spectrum fungicide belonging to the class of ortho-substituted phenyl amides." It is used "as a seed treatment on barley, canola, oat, rye, soybean, triticale, and wheat."

Businesses that use chemicals listed under Proposition 65 must notify Californians by providing a "clear and reasonable" warning about risk of exposure to significant amounts of the chemical present in the products they purchase, that are present in their homes or workplaces, or that are released into the environment. Violators of Prop 65 are subject to civil penalties up to \$2500 per day for each violation as well as the potential costs of litigation.

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