Proposition 65: The Good, the Bad, and Getting Better

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A Proposition 65 success in 10 words or less.

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Center for Environmental Health

Protecting families from toxic chemicals since 1996
Success: Quiet Compliance
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Failure: Violations with minimal exposure
Success: Industry-wide shift to safer materials
Chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm are also contained in and around oil fields, service stations, refineries, chemical plants, transport and storage operations, including pipelines, marine terminals and tank trucks, and other facilities and equipment that manufacture, produce, process, handle, distribute, transport, store, sell or otherwise transfer crude oil, gasoline, diesel fuel or other petroleum products or byproducts.
Failure: Unhelpful warnings

WARNING

Many food and beverage cans have linings containing bisphenol A (BPA), a chemical known to the State of California to cause harm to the female reproductive system. Jar lids and bottle caps may also contain BPA. You can be exposed to BPA when you consume foods or beverages packaged in these containers. For more information, go to:

www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/BPA.
Failure: Unhelpful warnings

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THIS BUILDING CONTAINS CHEMICALS, INCLUDING TOBACCO SMOKE, KNOWN TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE CANCER AND BIRTH DEFECTS OR OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HARM.

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.6
Success: Clean Air and Water
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Failure and Success: Legal Fees
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Solutions and Improvements

• Prohibit out of court settlements in Proposition 65 enforcement litigation.

• Require that private plaintiffs and their attorneys meet specific qualifications.
• Better health for California consumers, California communities, and the entire nation
• Meets the growing consumer demand for safer products
• Keeps consumers safe and moves California’s economy forward inn the years to come