



# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COALITION

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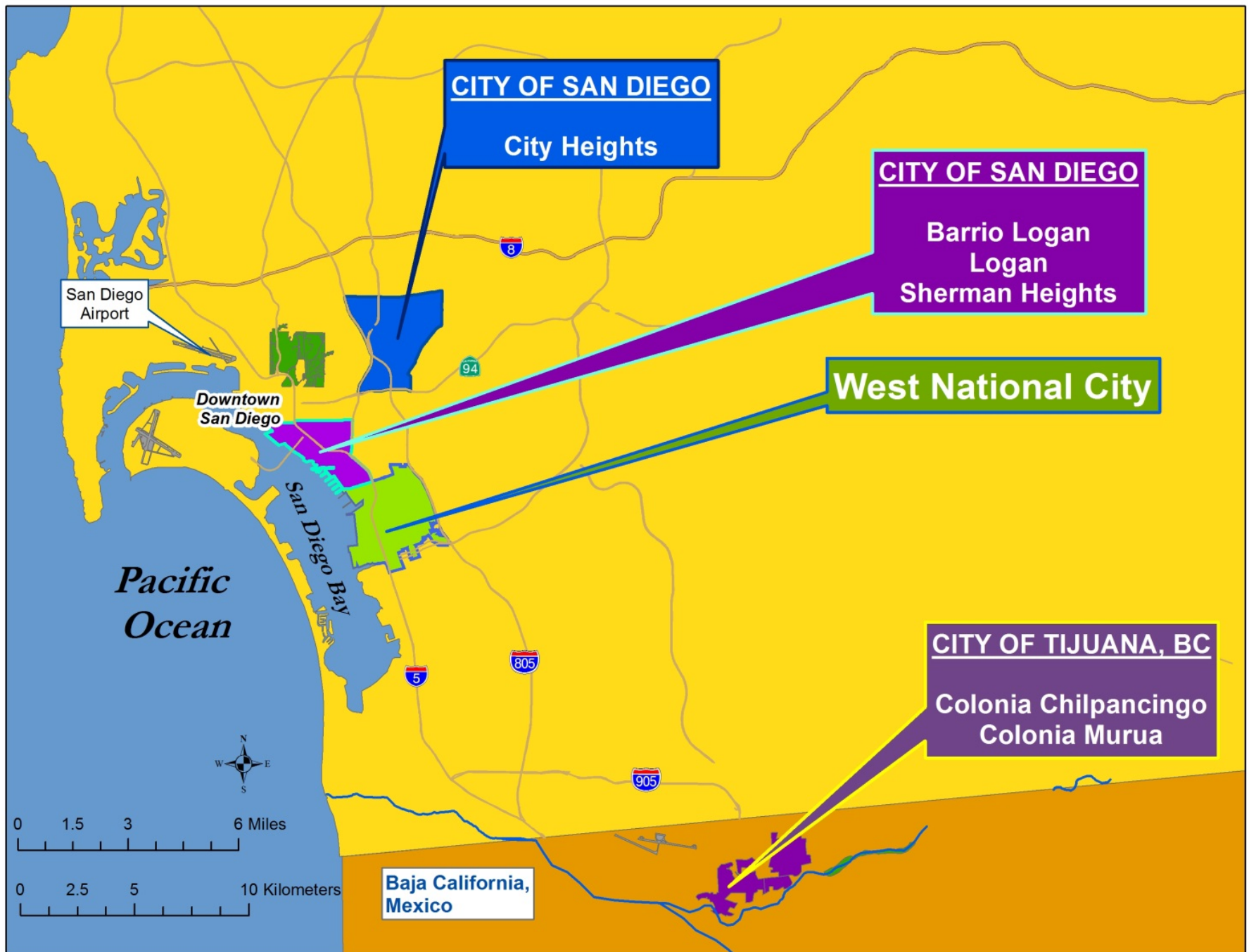
**EMPOWERING PEOPLE. ORGANIZING COMMUNITIES. ACHIEVING JUSTICE.**

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# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COALITION

SOCIAL CHANGE FOR JUSTICE MODEL







# COMMUNITY ACTION TEAMS: RESIDENT-FOCUSED ORGANIZING





# EMPOWERMENT OF COMMUNITY EXPERTS



# Toxic Treats





# TOXIC TREATS

Identified 25 common items that contain dangerous levels of lead. Some are found in toys, some in food, some in paint. Some are found in old buildings, some in old cars. Some are found in old toys, some in old cars. Some are found in old toys, some in old cars.

## REGISTER

Fill out this form and send it to:

### TOXIC TREATS

10-10

### COMMON TOYS TESTED WITH DANGEROUS LEVELS OF LEAD



TOY	LEAD LEVEL (PPM)
1. Toy Gun	1,000
2. Toy Knife	1,000
3. Toy Hammer	1,000
4. Toy Saw	1,000
5. Toy Drill	1,000
6. Toy Wrench	1,000
7. Toy Screwdriver	1,000
8. Toy Pliers	1,000
9. Toy Hammer	1,000
10. Toy Saw	1,000
11. Toy Drill	1,000
12. Toy Wrench	1,000
13. Toy Screwdriver	1,000
14. Toy Pliers	1,000
15. Toy Hammer	1,000
16. Toy Saw	1,000
17. Toy Drill	1,000
18. Toy Wrench	1,000
19. Toy Screwdriver	1,000
20. Toy Pliers	1,000
21. Toy Hammer	1,000
22. Toy Saw	1,000
23. Toy Drill	1,000
24. Toy Wrench	1,000
25. Toy Screwdriver	1,000

### SMOKING LEAD

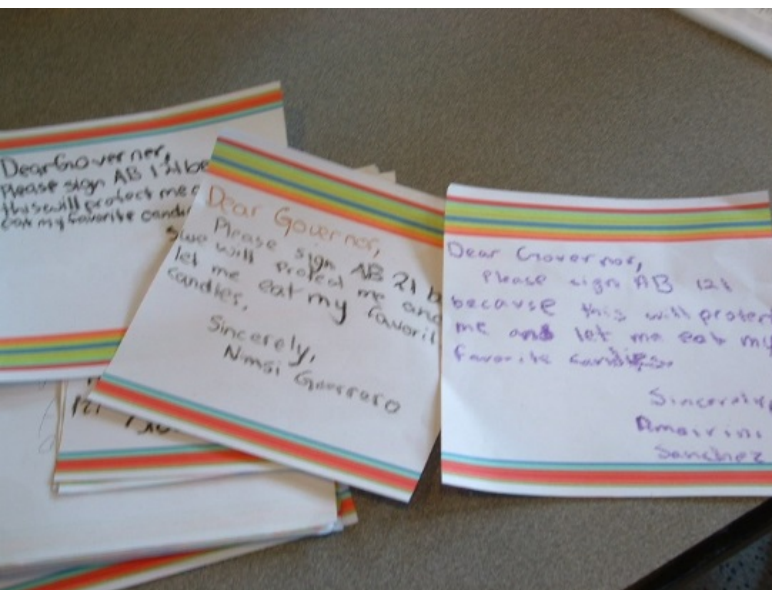
Lead is a toxic substance that can cause serious health problems, especially in children. Lead is found in many products, including paint, gasoline, and toys. Lead is also found in the soil and in the air. Lead is a cumulative poison, meaning that it builds up in the body over time. Lead can cause damage to the brain, kidneys, and other organs. Lead can also cause developmental delays in children. Lead is a serious health hazard that should be avoided.

### HOW LEAD AFFECTS YOU



### WHERE TO FIND HELP

If you suspect you or your child has been exposed to lead, you should seek medical attention immediately. There are many resources available to help you find a doctor who specializes in lead poisoning. You can also contact the Environmental Health Coalition for more information. The Environmental Health Coalition is a national organization that works to protect the environment and promote public health. They have a website with information about lead poisoning and other environmental health issues. They also have a toll-free hotline that you can call for more information.



# The fight for lead-free candy

After years of struggle to eliminate lead in candy, we can finally have confidence in the candy we buy.

## Getting Sick

Families report their children getting sick after ingesting the Bolirindo lollipop, a chili and tamarind-based candy found to have high levels of lead.

## Lawsuit Filed

Several parties file a lawsuit against major candy manufacturers to demand manufacturing processes eliminate lead in candy. Parties include Environmental Health Coalition, the Center for Environmental Health, California Attorney General, Los Angeles City Attorney and Alameda County District Attorney.

## Victory!

Three major candy manufacturers reach a settlement with the state of California to eliminate lead in candy products, making them safe to consume. The agreement requires: A change in manufacturing processes, purchasing only from suppliers who properly wash and clean chili peppers and an agreement to independent audits to ensure changes eliminate lead contamination. Manufacturers pay \$1-million for education and audits.

## Investigation

The Orange County Register investigates lead levels in candy, revealing that lead is present in many of our favorite candies.



## AB121

AB121 goes into effect in California, prohibiting the sale of candies contaminated with lead above .1ppm, or a "normal" level.

## Still Lead-Free

Today, lead-free candy policies remain strict. California continues to hold candy retailers and manufacturers to a lead minimum, making candies and our children safer than ever.

Pre-2002

May 2002

June 2004



Jan 2006

June 2006

Today





# Governor Signs AB 121

## Key Components

**Statewide System for Testing,  
Ban, Removal of Lead  
Contaminated Candy**

**Naturally Occurring Standard**

**No Lead-Based Inks in  
Wrappers**





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# No Deje que la Frontera sea un *obstáculo para su Negocio: Evite la Contaminación de Plomo en los Dulces*



**¿Es tu producto inocuo?**

**¿Está tu negocio a salvo de la acción regulatoria?**

**BUSCA Y EXIGE ESTE SELLO**



**HACCP REGISTRAR**



**Al Envenenamiento de Plomo en los Niños**



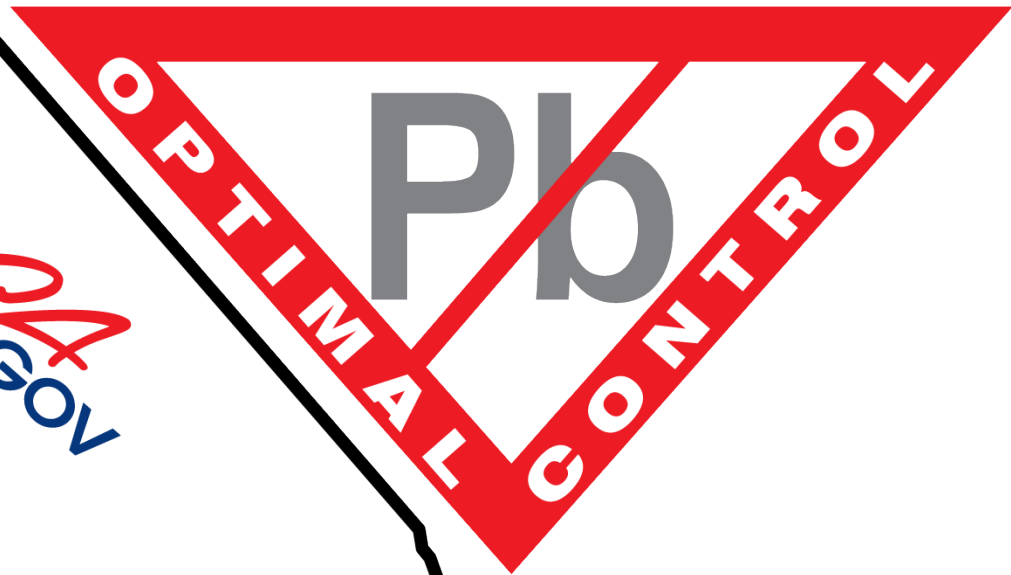
**Childhood Lead Poisoning**

**PROTEGE A TUS CLIENTES Y A TU NEGOCIO**



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT  
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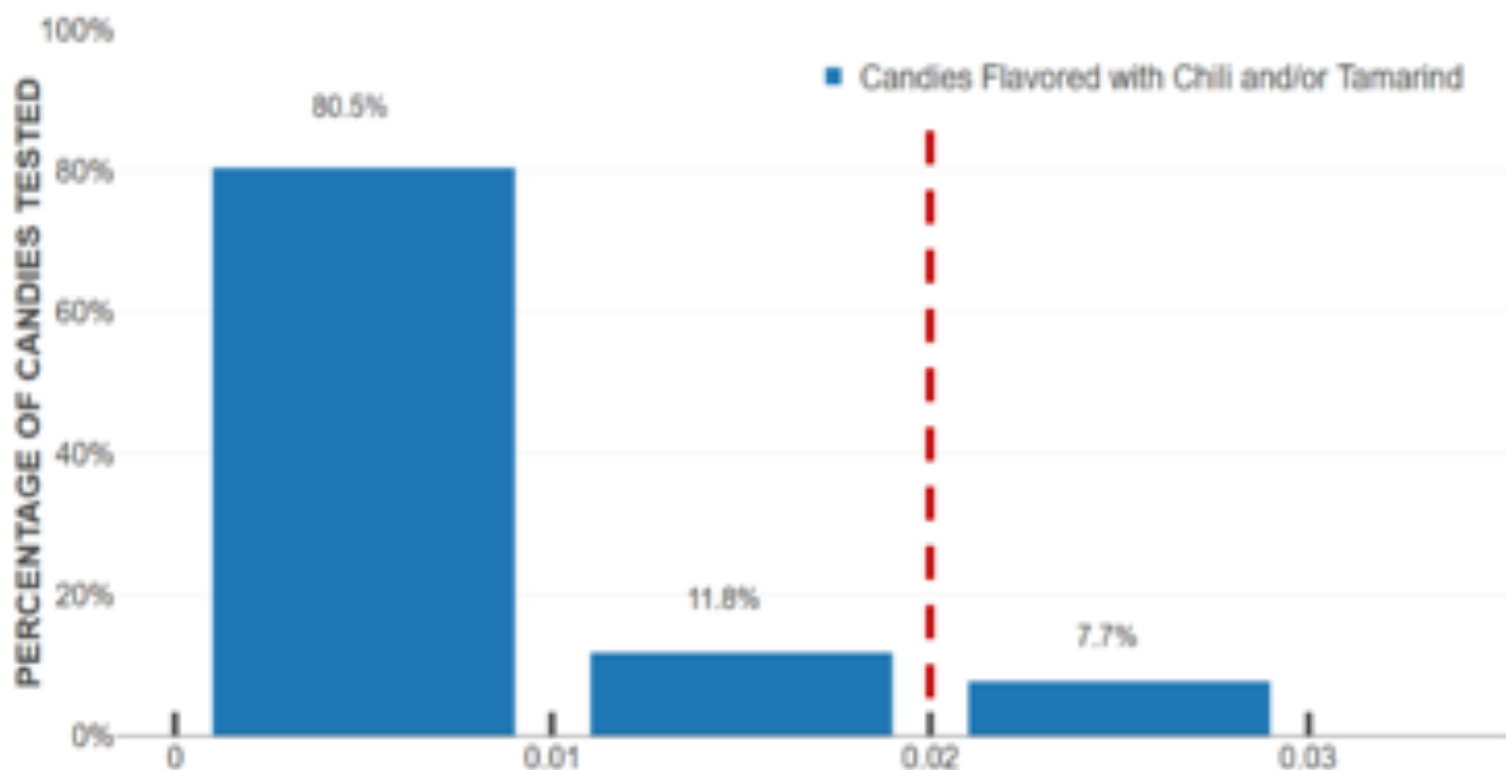
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# Distribution of Lead Concentrations in Candies Flavored with Chili and/or Tamarind (2012-2017)

- 195 samples of candies produced in Mexico by nine manufacturers





# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

**“The right of all people  
and communities to live,  
work and play in a clean  
and safe environment.”**



# THANK YOU!

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