California Proposition 65

California voters approved Proposition 65 (“Prop 65”) in 1986 to protect citizens and drinking water from chemicals known to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Under Prop 65, the State maintains a list of chemicals that are considered under the statute to be either carcinogens or reproductive toxicants. Many chemicals are on both lists. Currently, nearly 1,000 chemicals are listed. These chemicals can be naturally occurring in the Earth’s soil, in the environment or manufactured, and are found in many consumer products.

For a chemical that is listed as a carcinogen, the no significant risk level is defined as the level which is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. In other words, if you are exposed to the chemical at this level every day for 70 years, it will theoretically increase your chances of getting cancer by no more than 1 case in 100,000 individuals exposed.

For chemicals that are on the list as reproductive toxicants, the no significant risk level is defined as the level of exposure which, even if multiplied by 1,000, will not produce birth defects or other reproductive harm. That is, the level of exposure is below the no observable effect level divided by 1,000. The no observable effect level is the highest dose level which has not been associated with observable reproductive harm in humans or animals.

Prop 65 requires consumers be informed when they are exposed to listed chemicals at these levels. The current warnings for chemicals listed as carcinogens and reproductive toxicants are as follows:

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.
WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

If your company intends to sell our products in the state of California, we recommend that you contact Dynarex to take steps to determine whether the warning requirements of “Prop 65” apply. On September 1st of 2016 California amended Proposition 65 to clarify responsibilities in the supply chain. Dynarex will be taking additional measures to reach out to and support our customers in meeting these requirements prior to the final implementation date of August 30th, 2018.