



**Date: March 15, 2015**

From: Big Creek Lumber Company – EH&S Department

**Re: IMPORTANT LEGAL INFORMATION: California Proposition 65 Wood Products/ Methanol Warning Requirements – Your response is requested**

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In 2014, California legislation has again modified the interpretation and implementation of Proposition 65 - The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986. The Proposition was intended by its authors to protect California citizens and the State's drinking water sources from chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm by informing citizens about exposures to such chemicals.

In 2009, wood dust was added to the list of chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer. More recently, additional chemicals associated with wood products, including naturally occurring wood methanol, was added to the Prop 65 list in 2012.

When the Office of Environmental Health Hazards Assessment (OEHHA) developed a priority list for safe harbor levels of chemicals on the governors' list, they placed "wood dust" on the "Third Priority for NSRL Development". NSRL means "No Significant Risk Levels". This is the maximum point at which the chemical does not present a hazard. As a "third priority", the State is not expected to expedite cancer potency values and proposed regulatory levels for wood dust until 2017.

California now requires wood products producers and others within the state's wood products distribution chain to inform their downstream customers about the potential hazards of wood dust and chemicals associated with wood products. Manufacturers have the option to put warning labels on all their products, but the majority has chosen to send warning letters, accompanied by sample signage, to downstream customers.

The State Attorney General has taken the position that the distributor has the responsibility of warning the public and that if warning signs are properly displayed at retail stores then the company has satisfied the "Clear and reasonable" warning requirement in the statute.

Big Creek Lumber Company has initiated steps in our retail outlets to prevent customers from being exposed to wood dust while at our sites. We post the following warning at locations in our stores where wood dust is generated by sawing. However, we cannot make a determination as to what the customer's exposure will be after they purchase the product and remove it from the store. Therefore, we also post the following notice at the point of pick up and the point of sale and place the warning on our invoices and delivery slips.



**WARNING:**

**Drilling, sawing, sanding or machining wood products generates wood dust and other substances known to the State of California to cause cancer. Avoid inhaling dust generated from wood products or use a dust mask or other safeguards to avoid inhaling dust generated from wood products. Wood products emit chemicals known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.**

California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6

Big Creek Lumber is posting this letter on our website to inform our wholesale distributor or a wholesale customer of products manufactured by Big Creek Lumber Company. The California Attorney General's Office advises companies, who choose to notify the public through their wholesale clients, to confirm customer receipt of the warning materials and explanation of their potential duty to comply with Prop 65, on an annual basis.

**What I Need from You.**

Big Creek Lumber Company is requesting that an individual in a position of authority within your company confirms your receipt of these warning materials and instructions.

I have sent most of our wholesale customers an email, requesting a return response to acknowledge that they have in fact received the link to our company web site which contains the pertinent information. That is all I need. You may obtain an electronic copy of this Prop 65 information from our company web site at <http://www.big-creek.com/resource-library/prop-65-wood-dust-notification>.

Those who receive this request by US mail, should complete and sign the attached Reply Confirmation Form, returning it by mail, fax, or PDF scan attached to an email.

I appreciate your participation.

Thanks

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Attachment: Reply Confirmation Form



## BIG CREEK LUMBER COMPANY

### PROP - 65 REPLY CONFIRMATION FORM

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our confirmation request. Please provide us with the following information:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

This is to confirm that I have read and am familiar with the information, instructions, and materials concerning the California Proposition 65 wood dust and methanol warning to the extent Proposition 65 applies to our company. It is our company's intention to comply with the California Proposition 65 wood dust and methanol warning requirements.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax this signed document to Big Creek Lumber Company or forward a scanned copy to our Environmental Health and Safety Department, attention Ken Kannegaard.

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