

**NMP News Brief
November 16, 2001**

**DART Identification Committee to Remove NMP from List of Chemicals Not Found to
Have Been Adequately Tested**

Today, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) published a notice announcing the agenda for its upcoming Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant (DART) Identification Committee meeting on December 17, 2001. According to the meeting agenda, the DART Identification Committee will consider the removal of a number of chemicals, including n-methylpyrrolidone (NMP), from California Code of Regulations Title 22, Section 14000. Section 14000 lists chemicals required by state or federal law to have been tested for potential to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity, but that the state's qualified experts have not found to have been adequately tested. Section 14000 provides that a chemical listed on Proposition 65 as known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity is not included as requiring additional testing for that particular toxicological endpoint. NMP was added to Proposition 65 on June 15, 2001, as known to the state to cause reproductive toxicity. On this basis, the Committee will consider NMP for removal from the Section 14000 list for the endpoint teratogenicity. OEHHA's notice is available on the Internet at http://www.oehha.org/prop65/CRNR_notices/chemicals_reconsideration/DART1211.html.

Comments are neither solicited nor do we think necessary.

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We hope this information is helpful. As always, please call if you have any questions.