

**NMP News Brief
July 31, 2003****OEHHA Establishes MADLs for NMP**

On July 9, 2003, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) adopted two route-specific maximum allowable dose levels (MADL) for NMP: (1) 3,200 micrograms per day ($\mu\text{g}/\text{day}$) for the inhalation route; and (2) 17,000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{day}$ for the dermal route. MADLs are issued pursuant to Title 22, Section 12805 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), and are intended by the state to assist parties in determining whether warnings are required for exposures to Proposition 65-listed chemicals and whether discharges of those chemicals to sources of drinking water are prohibited. If an exposure can be shown to be below the safe harbor level, the responsible person has “safe harbor” from the warning and discharge prohibition requirements. OEHHA’s notice is available at <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/FSR128050703.html>. The regulation adopting these new MADLs is effective as of **July 31, 2003**.

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