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JULIA MORGAN BALLROOM

8:00 to 9:00

## Prop. 65 Compliance 101

Instructors: **Caroline Cox**, Staff Scientist,  
Center for Environmental Health  
**Renee Kalmes**, Principal, Exponent  
**Carol Monahan-Cummings**, Chief Counsel, OEHHA

### Description

Over view of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessments regulations.

### Bios

#### Caroline Cox

Research Director, Center For Environmental Health

Caroline leads CEH's research on toxic exposures, identifying, analyzing and substantiating the scientific bases for our work to eliminate threats to children and others exposed to dangerous chemicals in consumer products. She has coordinated CEH's Proposition 65 enforcement and compliance work since 2006.

#### Renee Kalmes

Principal, Exponent

Renee M. Kalmes, MSPH, CIH, is a Principal Scientist at Exponent at their Oakland California office. She is a certified industrial hygienist and with over 25 years of health risk assessment experience. Ms. Kalmes has conducted and directed studies to assess potential exposure to consumer and personal care products including evaluation of lead, phthalates, silica, asbestos, benzene, toluene, cadmium, arsenic, ethyl benzene, formaldehyde and flame retardants. She has developed sampling protocols to evaluate FDA, CPSC and Proposition 65 claims, specifically addressing dermal contact and incidental ingestion associated with hand-to-mouth activities. She has provided exposure assessment and toxicology support for consumer product recall claims. Ms. Kalmes has assisted numerous companies in establishing compliance programs for CPSIA, as well as developing programs to address Proposition 65 compliance, restricted chemical listings, and green chemistry initiatives. She has also sampled and recon-

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structed historical exposure to a variety of volatile chemicals in solvents in residential and workplace settings. Ms. Kalmes also evaluates potential chemical exposure in air, soil, and groundwater for community settings and has prepared numerous human health risk assessments for various properties, including assessments of potential vapor intrusion. Ms. Kalmes teaches courses on health risk assessment, industrial hygiene and toxicology at the University of California Extension program. Renee received her BS in Environmental Sciences from Purdue University and her Master of Science in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

**Carol Monahan-Cummings**  
Chief Counsel, OEHHA

Carol Monahan Cummings was appointed Chief Counsel at the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) in October 2003 and was reappointed by Governor Brown in December 2012. In this capacity, Ms. Cummings advises the Director, other Executive Office members, as well as OEHHA staff on all legal matters affecting the Office. Principal areas of practice include: Proposition 65 implementation, developing and amending various regulations, serving as counsel for the Carcinogen Identification Committee, the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Committee, and the California Biomonitoring Scientific Guidance Panel as well as serving as liaison to the Attorney General's Office for all lawsuits where OEHHA is a party.

Prior to coming to OEHHA Ms. Cummings served as an Assistant General Counsel for the California Environmental Protection Agency between September 2001 and October 2003. She was primarily responsible for providing legal support for the Environmental Justice program, legal advice concerning ethics and personnel issues for the Agency as well as for coordinating cross-media enforcement task forces, investigations and related litigation.

Before coming to Cal/EPA, Ms. Cummings was a prosecutor with Sacramento County where she prosecuted criminal and civil environmental enforcement cases including illegal hazardous waste transportation, storage and disposal cases; and water and air pollution cases.

Ms. Cummings received her law degree from Empire College School of Law in Santa Rosa, California where she graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1995.