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## **California Prop 65 and Lead-Free Initiative – Are they the same?**

A lot of customers have questions about some statements that appear on Apollo packaging.

*This product complies with the U.S. Federal 2011 Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act by containing  $\leq 0.25\%$  (lead).*

*California Proposition 65 Warning: This product may contain chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.*

These two statements reference the Federal Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act and the State of California's Proposition 65. These are two separate laws and neither overrules the other. Following are descriptions of each law.

### **California Proposition 65 - Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986**

<http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/background/p65plain.html>

Proposition 65 is a California state initiative that became the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 to address concerns of California residents about exposure to toxic chemicals. This law requires the state of California to publish a list of chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive harm. This list, which must be updated at least once a year, has grown to include approximately 800 chemicals since it was first published in 1987. Therefore, California requires us to mark our products accordingly if any of the chemicals on this list are contained in or are used in the production of the product. You can download that list by following this link: [http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65\\_list/Newlist.html](http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65_list/Newlist.html)

### **Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act – Amends Section 1417 of the Safe Drinking Water Act**

<http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead/index.cfm>

In 2006, California became the first state to require essentially lead-free plumbing fittings and fixtures (less than .25% lead content), with passage of California Assembly Bill 1953 (AB 1953). Since then, other states, including Vermont, Maryland and Louisiana, have passed comparable laws limiting the lead content in materials in contact with drinking water. On January 4, 2014, Federal Public Law 111-380 (i.e. Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act) prohibits the sale and installation nationwide of plumbing products used in a potable water application with a wetted surface area containing more than a weighted average of .25% lead. It is important to note on or after this date it will be illegal to sell or install non-compliant product for these specific applications.

If you have any further questions about either law as it applies to Apollo products, please go to the following websites:

[http://www.apollovalves.com/lead\\_free](http://www.apollovalves.com/lead_free)

[http://www.apollovalves.com/proposition\\_65](http://www.apollovalves.com/proposition_65)