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DWR Awards Grant to Combat Chromium 6 in Drinking Water

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has awarded a \$2.5 million grant to the City of Glendale to conduct a pilot study on lowering chromium 6 levels in the city's drinking water.

Hexavalent chromium (chromium 6), the chemical made famous by the 2000 film "Erin Brockovich" and labeled a "probable carcinogen" by U.S. National Institute of Health, has affected Glendale's drinking water for over a decade. Results of the DWR-funded pilot study will help the State establish a specific standard for chromium 6 in drinking water.

Glendale has constructed two test facilities using new contaminant removal technologies developed by Dr. Nicole Blute, of Malcolm Pirnie Inc. The facilities are in the testing phase and have recorded a significant reduction of chromium 6 levels after implementing the new filtration processes.

The DWR grant was funded by Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002.

"The State is pleased that the City of Glendale is taking the steps needed to lower chromium 6 levels in its drinking water," said Perla Netto-Brown, DWR Fiscal Division Chief.

Proposition 50, Chapter 6 (b) is a \$50 million grant program that seeks new technological solutions to rid California drinking water of specific contaminants.

A maximum of \$5 million per project is available to water systems that meet program requirements. Matching funds may be required in some circumstances.

DWR will open the Proposition 50 application process this summer. Details about the grant program will be available at the California Financing Coordinating Committee's (CFCC) Funding Fair. Check the CFCC Web site at http://www.cfcc.ca.gov/funding_fairs.htm

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