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## NEWS ALERT

### **NTP Test Results for Dietary Supplements: How Will They Affect You?**

The chorus of negative health claims concerning dietary supplements, sometimes faulty or misreported, is a major concern for the supplement industry. The National Toxicology Program (NTP) is a government agency that designs, conducts, and interprets toxicity studies. NTP also tests chemicals, including medicinal herbs, to identify possible health effects, and recently released bioassay results for some dietary supplements, including goldenseal, pulegone, and green tea; other studies are in the pipeline.

#### How Might NTP's Findings Affect You?

If NTP test results indicate that a substance is a carcinogen in animals, California may add it to its list of Proposition 65 carcinogens, potentially requiring a warning label depending on anticipated exposure. Other regulatory actions could also follow.

Gradient is well-suited to help you evaluate NTP's test results and assessments, and to develop a response. We can help you:

- Interpret and critically review results
- Conduct a risk assessment to evaluate health risks, if any, from anticipated exposures
- Develop strategies to respond to state and federal agencies
- Prepare detailed comments to submit to government agencies
- Communicate risks to the public, government agencies, and other stakeholders

Gradient has over two decades of experience in toxicology, chemistry, data quality management, information sciences, and risk assessment. Our scientists have experience in assisting supplement companies and their counsel by providing unparalleled scientific support in meeting regulatory and legal challenges. We maintain an extensive database of research on nutraceuticals and other dietary supplements. Gradient staff are also experts in study design and oversight, as well as resolution of product purity and adulteration issues. We have a reputation for sound science and high-quality analysis, giving clients the tools they need to resolve their critical regulatory issues.

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