



## CALIFORNIA DECLINES TO INTERVENE IN JM EAGLE QUI TAM SUIT

JM Eagle, the world's largest manufacturer of plastic pipe, has received official legal notice that the state of California will not intervene in a lawsuit over the quality of JM Eagle pipe.

Signed by Attorney General Edmund G. Brown in October 2009, the court filings echo the federal government's declination to intervene in the qui tam suit, which was initiated by a former JM Eagle employee terminated over a kickback scheme.

"Obtaining documentation that the state of California will not intervene in this frivolous suit is a triumph for JM Eagle," says Neal Gordon, the company's vice president of marketing. "With increasing budget shortfalls, it takes a great deal of integrity for elected officials to objectively review the facts and decline to intervene in a case that could possibly provide revenue when the facts do not support it."

California was one of the four original states—along with the federal government and a hand-

ful of cities—named as plaintiffs in the qui tam action, as well as the state where the alleged quality breaches occurred. It is also the only state that reviewed the tens and thousands of pages of documentation JM Eagle provided to the federal government as evidence that its products were all stringently tested and met or exceeded applicable industry standards.

JM Eagle maintains the suit is groundless and is confident that all parties still intervening will have no choice but to follow the footsteps of the federal government and the state of California when they examine JM Eagle's proof positive on the quality of its pipe.

"The evidence is clear that JM Eagle always manufactures its pipe to the highest standards, both internal and industry-wide," says Gordon. "California reviewed this evidence and came to the correct conclusion."