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Donald Burdick [REDACTED]

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Donald Burdick [REDACTED]

Mon, Mar 28, 2022 at 1:20 PM

To: "Chase T. Brockstedt" <chase@bmbde.com>
Cc: imasrakerclaims@gmail.com, "Lee, Mike" <MLee@rg2claims.com>, attorney.general@delaware.gov, Gerald Bell
Bcc: [REDACTED]

Chase,

You are class counsel. The adjudicators cannot answer my question regarding counsel having alerted the government of Mountaire Farms' polluting on public property. Nor can they provide me that correspondence.

Your Honor and Mike,

When I first moved to my Millsboro home full-time I was perfectly healthy, having spent the previous sixteen years meticulously renovating a home built from the timbers of Theodore Roosevelt's inaugural stand.

President Roosevelt once said, "Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish man or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, it's riches or it's romance."

For most of that sixteen years I was employed on a contract with the Department of Defense for the Pentagon.

During my final years I drove back and forth between my Millsboro home and my Arlington home because I knew my particular job impacted the war fighters defending our country in two wars that everyone forgot about.

Ultimately, because of what I considered illegal behavior I witnessed within the Pentagon and because my employer did not pay my nephew what they promised they would, I resigned and retired to Delaware, only to be poisoned.

I do not believe that poisoning was done simply by Mountaire Farms. I believe it involved the government at all levels and in all three branches. That is a story for another day.

That said, I cannot stand by idle while a single widowed mother now raising her grandchild who nearly lost her home, and her life three times, be told that she does not qualify for settlement in a lawsuit that by definition states she cannot sue for compensatory damages against the corporation that likely caused her devastating health issues because of a civil settlement she never knew involving a failed regional wastewater facility the public was never warned about.

I purchased [REDACTED] a fully functioning water treatment system earlier this week so that she and her daughter and her granddaughter no longer have to use polluted water to bathe, make ice, cook, and drink as they had unwittingly been doing for years.

If you so choose to include [REDACTED] in settlement, you may deduct the cost of her water treatment system, \$6,480. I will pay that amount out of my settlement funds.

Respectfully,

Donald Burdick

On Mar 28, 2022, at 12:31 PM, Chase T. Brockstedt <chase@bmbde.com> wrote:

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Judge Raker and Mike:

Please reach out to Mr. Burdick. Thank you,

Chase

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Chase,

Aside from the settlement document, did class counsel ever let anyone in the government know that Mountaire Farms applied sludge to the Inland Bays Regional Wastewater Facility?

If so, I would like a copy of the correspondence and the names of the individuals who were alerted.

That location is described in the affidavit of Dr. Harvey Cohen located on page 119 of the settlement document. In Item 5, Dr. Cohen states:

<https://www.mountairesettlement.com/courtdocuments.html>

5. The area of groundwater concern was updated in the October 2018 letter to Chase Brockstedt based upon additional information, including records that indicated Mountaire had disposed of sludge on the southern portion of the Hettie Lingo field, on the south edge of the Inland Bays water treatment facility.

a. Based upon the sources cited above, as well as additional regional hydrogeology and modeling reports, the area of groundwater concern was extended eastward to address the potential pathways of contaminant migration from the former Hettie Lingo farm.

The consent decree now found on the settlement website provides a map of homes that Mountaire Farms is required to provide water treatment systems to at no cost.

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https://www.mountairesettlement.com/pdf/2018_0529_ExhibitF.pdf

It is my understanding that map was devised with the assistance of the federal government. It does not seem fair to me that my community should not be provided equal treatment.

Water filtration is not the only issue at hand. My water is hypoxic, meaning it is very low in oxygen. I believe that is a result of the high level of nitrates. My dissolved oxygen level is so low it qualifies as what the EPA calls a "Dead Zone".

When I realized that, I surmised it may have been a contributing factor in what caused my blood pressure to rise. I took potassium because it is a vasodilator and within two days the swelling I had in my foot for years went away. Unfortunately, I still have the Morton's Neuroma that swelling caused.

Likewise, the pH level of my water has made it agonizing for some members of my community to bathe in. I have taken to taking showers in which I get my body wet, turn off the water, lather up, rinse off, and dry as quickly as possible. Even still, it itches after I bathe. It was not until I figured that out recently that the remaining sores on my body finally healed.

Even with water treatment I have those issues because treated water does not add oxygen or raise the pH to acceptable levels. Once again, my husband is re-plumbing our home to move our water treatment system to a different area that can accommodate the addition tanks needed to accomplish that.

Other members of my community continue to suffer sores, bumps, and lesions and complain of itching and burning after showering. I have spoke to other members of the broader community who also have the same complaints.

One elderly neighbor in particular has been covered with sores and lesions for many years. When I became aware of what the problems were with the water she also started taking short showers. Every day I apply petroleum jelly to her back and sides where she cannot reach. She has done so for the rest of her body. Her sores are finally healing.

Another neighbor, [REDACTED], who suffers from repeated numerous kidney stones, had another attack a few weeks ago. I had just found out about the potassium issue. Because the kidneys are comprised of so many small capillaries I brought her some potassium and Pedialyte along with tart cherry juice, which can help break up certain types of kidney stones. Within two days she was feeling better and back at work.

[REDACTED] was unaware of the settlement until I spoke with her and told her she could file late. Unfortunately she had her first attack of kidney stones and was admitted to the hospital in an emergency situation. It took her months to recover, only to have another recurrence. The clinic she visited told her she could die if she did not get to the emergency room immediately.

[REDACTED] attempted to contact the adjudicator repeatedly to file late as per the Reserve Allocation found in Exhibit E, which is designed to accommodate those with reasonable exceptions as to why they could not file in a timely fashion. She was not answered. Ultimately she called Judge Raker and sent an email appealing directly to her and was denied.

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Perhaps you can reach out to Judge Raker personally in zealous defense of [REDACTED] to see if she can also be brought into settlement. Especially considering her home is one of the closest to the sludge application area.

Please reply all to this email.

Thank you,

Don