

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

***In re* FLINT WATER CASES**

**Civil Action No. 5:16-cv-10444-JEL
(consolidated)**

Hon. Judith E. Levy

**NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MASTER REGARDING
COMMENCEMENT OF CLAIMS PERIOD UNDER THE
AMENDED MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

I submit this Notice of the Special Master Regarding Commencement of the Claims Period Under the Amended Master Settlement Agreement as directed by the Court.

On January 21, 2021, the Court issued its *Opinion and Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion to Establish Settlement Claims Procedures and Allocation and for Preliminary Approval of Class Settlement Components [1318] and Granting Plaintiffs' Motion for an Order Adopting the Proposed Motion for Approval of Wrongful Death Settlement [1334]*, ECF No. 1399.

On November 10, 2021, the Court issued its *Opinion and Order Granting Final Approval of a Partial Settlement, Granting Certification of a Settlement Class, Granting Appointment of Settlement Class Counsel [1794], Denying Objections, and Adopting the Report and Recommendation [2006]*, ECF No. 2008 ("Final Approval Order").

Under the terms of the Amended Settlement Agreement (“ASA”), the period for submitting claim forms was intended to commence in April of this year. Various unanticipated events delayed the start of the claims period. There are no longer any impediments to starting the claims period and, accordingly, the undersigned reported to this Court at the status conference held on December 22, 2021 that the claims period can commence on January 12, 2022. As reported, the January 12, 2022 date is reasonable because it will provide sufficient time for the Claims Administrator to print and mail claim forms to the approximately 13,000 registrants who submitted their registration forms by mail.

The Court approved this proposal and directed the undersigned to submit a Notice establishing January 12, 2022 as the date for commencing the claims period. Accordingly, the Claims Administrator is directed by this Notice to commence the claims period on January 12, 2022.

The Claims Administrator shall notify all registrants of the commencement of the claims period either through email or mail as described herein. The Claims Administrator shall send email notices to all registrants and law firms that submitted registrations through the “online” process. Registrants then will be able to sign on to the claims system once they receive that email notification and can then follow the instructions and submit the appropriate claim forms. The Claims Administrator shall mail claim form packages to those registrants who submitted

their registration forms by mail. Registrants who receive mailed packages shall be permitted to elect to file their forms online. Registrants who submitted registrations online shall be permitted to request a hard copy claim form package. In general, however, claimants are encouraged to file online if possible because it will facilitate processing.

The Claims Administrator has established a telephone help line that registrants can call for assistance in any aspect of the claims process. That telephone number is (800) 493-1754.

Under the terms of the ASA, the deadline for submitting claims – which is 120 days after the commencement of the claims period – is May 12, 2022.

Date: December 23, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on December 23, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using the Court's ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to attorneys of record.

Date: December 23, 2021

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