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Dear Claimant:

Many of you have questioned the decision to settle the Tolbert/Oliver case for 300 million dollars; when the Abernathy claimants were receiving the same amount. Many factors played into this including:

- 1) The fact that the Abernathy plaintiffs had been in litigation for seven to eight years.
- 2) That actual verdicts were being handed down in the Abernathy case (a jury had actually been impaneled for 18 months).
- 3) Abernathy had twice been argued before the Alabama Supreme Court.
- 4) On average the Abernathy plaintiffs lived closer to the Solutia/Monsanto facility.

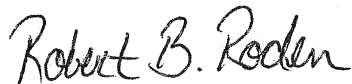
The attorneys for the Tolbert plaintiffs argued long and hard that all these factors should be given less weight and that Tolbert plaintiffs should receive more.

In the end the attorneys for Tolbert were advised that 300 million was all there was for them; and further that if it were not accepted Solutia was prepared to file for bankruptcy within a few days. This raised the real possibility that the plaintiffs could get little or nothing.

The attorneys for the plaintiffs researched the bankruptcy issue and hired outside counsel specializing in bankruptcy. In the end, it was their conclusion that the plaintiffs were at risk of receiving nothing if Solutia did bankrupt. As you all know, Solutia did subsequently file for bankruptcy. We should all be thankful that the case had already settled and the settlement will not be affected by this unfortunate event.

The attorneys in the Tolbert matter worked very long and hard for the plaintiffs and used their best judgment in the end. We all appreciate the tragedies you people have suffered and we all continue to be with you. Thank you for allowing us to represent you in this matter. We look forward to seeing you all at the next community meeting.

Very truly yours,



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