

**CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR PAYMENT OFFICE  
TOLBERT QUALIFIED SETTLEMENT FUND  
(MONSANTO/SOLUTIA SETTLEMENT)**

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December 9, 2003

**Re: Claimant Payments**

Dear Claimant:

I am the new Claims Administrator for the Monsanto/Solutia Settlement, having been appointed by the Court on December 2, 2003. As Claims Administrator, one of my duties is to determine how the settlement funds will be divided among the more than 17,000 plaintiffs in the federal court cases (*Tolbert v. Monsanto* and *Oliver v. Monsanto*). I am confident that the process for dividing and paying out the settlement amount will be fair for all, and the Claims Office promises to move as quickly as possible with the final payment distribution.

In the meantime, however, Judge Clemon has approved an immediate \$500 Advance Payment for most persons who are plaintiffs in Tolbert v. Monsanto or Oliver v. Monsanto. This advance payment is for plaintiffs' alleged exposure to PCBs. Adult claimants will be paid shortly after the Claims Office receives your completed and signed Advanced Payment Registration Form. Claimants under age nineteen, on the day the payment check is issued, qualify for the \$500 Advance Payment. However, the payment for those under age nineteen will be held in a trust account until the claimant reaches age nineteen, at which time the claimant will receive the Advance Payment, plus interest.

Enclosed please find an Advance Payment Registration Form, which you must complete and return to me to qualify for the \$500 Advance Payment. The Claims Office anticipates that advance payments will be mailed approximately one week after your Advance Payment Registration Form is processed.

The Claims Office must receive the completed Advance Payment Registration Form no later than March 31, 2004. It is important to understand that completing this form, not only makes you eligible for advance payments, but completion of this form is necessary for you to become eligible for possible future payments.

This \$500 Advance Payment is in addition to any other payment a claimant might qualify to receive from the settlement for personal injury or property damage. The Claims Office will send you

an additional Claim Form, at a later date, to obtain information regarding your eligibility for additional claim payments. In the meantime, please do not send any medical information or records to the Claims Office unless the Claims Office requests such information.

I hope this letter is helpful in addressing some of your immediate questions. To answer any further questions, we have a Claims Office toll-free telephone number: 1-800-345-0837. We also have a website: [www.TOLBERTQSF.com](http://www.TOLBERTQSF.com). Finally, three meetings will be in Anniston to discuss:

- (1) the \$500 Advance Payments,
- (2) the initial proposed criteria for making payments beyond the \$500 Advance, and
- (3) certain programs sponsored by Pfizer Pharmaceutical company in the West Anniston/Oxford area.

We ask that you attend the meeting applicable to you, if possible. If not possible, you may attend another meeting.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CLAIMANTS</b>
Saturday 12/13/03	The Anniston Entertainment Complex 2000 Cobb Avenue	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Last Names ending in A through H
Sunday 12/14/03	The Anniston Entertainment Complex 2000 Cobb Avenue	3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Last Names ending in I through Q
Tuesday 12/16/03	The Anniston Entertainment Complex 2000 Cobb Avenue	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Last Names ending in R through Z

I thank you in advance for your continued patience and cooperation. I will be in touch soon.

Sincerely,

Ed Gentle

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Enclosures