

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

In re Flint Water Cases.

Judith E. Levy
United States District Judge

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This Order Relates To:

ALL CASES

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**ORDER GRANTING CLASS PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS SETTLEMENT WITH VNA
DEFENDANTS [2925]**

Before the Court is Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Settlement with VNA¹ Defendants ("the Motion"). (ECF No. 2925.) On June 6, 2024, the Court held a hearing and oral argument was heard. The Court has read and considered the Motion, as well as all other submissions related to the Motion. For the reasons set forth on the record at the hearing, the Court grants the Motion. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The Settlement Agreement between Plaintiffs and VNA is preliminarily approved under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23

¹ Defendants Veolia North America, LLC, Veolia North America, Inc., and Veolia Water North America Operating Services, LLC.

as within the range of possible final approval.

2. The Settlement Allocation and plan of distribution are preliminarily approved.
3. Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC, Pitt McGehee Palmer Bonanni & Rivers, PC, and the Executive Committee are appointed as Class Counsel under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(g) to represent the VNA Settlement Class and Subclasses.
4. The VNA Settlement Class and Subclasses, as defined in paragraph 7.2 of the VNA Settlement Agreement (“VSA”) are certified under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a), (b)(3), and (e) for purposes of preliminary approval of the VNA Settlement.
5. The following individuals are re-appointed as Class Representatives for purposes of the VNA Settlement:
 - a. Rhonda Kelso, Barbara and Darrell Davis, Tiantha Williams, and Michael Snyder as personal representative of the Estate of John Snyder, as representatives of the Adult Exposure Subclass;
 - b. Elnora Carthan and David Munoz as representatives of the Property Damage Subclass;
 - c. 635 South Saginaw LLC, Frances Gilcreast, and Neil Helmkey as representatives of the Business Economic Loss Subclass.

6. The following individuals are re-appointed as Settlement Subclass Counsel for purposes of the VNA Settlement:
 - a. Vincent J. Ward of The Ward Law Firm as counsel for the Adult Exposure Settlement Subclass;
 - b. Sarah R. London of Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP as counsel for the Property Damage Settlement Subclass; and
 - c. Dennis C. Reich of Reich & Binstock, LLP as counsel for the Business Economic Loss Settlement Subclass.
7. The plan of notice is approved. The form of notice and modified claim form are approved. The Notice and Claim Form shall be disseminated to the VNA Settlement Class in accordance with the plan of notice and the VNA Settlement Agreement.
8. A.B. Data, Ltd. shall serve as the Notice Administrator.
9. The Fairness Hearing is set for November 21, 2024 at 2:30 PM, and the following schedule is set:

Event	Deadline	Date²
Settlement Website	Updated following this Order.	
Motion for Fees and Expenses	Filed within 60 days of this Order.	August 16, 2024
Notice Mailed	Within 30 days of this Order.	July 17, 2024
Deadline for Registration Form & Claim Form	Must be postmarked or submitted electronically within 90 days of this Order.	September 16, 2024
Deadline to Request Exclusion from Settlement	Must be postmarked or submitted electronically within 90 days of this Order.	September 16, 2024
Deadline for Objections to Settlement and Class Member Notice of Intent to Appear at Fairness Hearing	Must be filed within 90 days of this Order.	September 16, 2024
Motion for Final Approval	Filed within 105 days of this Order.	September 30, 2024

² Any deadline that falls on a weekend or holiday based on the interval will be automatically pushed to the following business day.

Fairness Hearing		November 21, 2024, 2:30 PM
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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 17, 2024
Ann Arbor, Michigan

s/Judith E. Levy
JUDITH E. LEVY
United States District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing document was served upon counsel of record and any unrepresented parties via the Court's ECF System to their respective email or first-class U.S. mail addresses disclosed on the Notice of Electronic Filing on June 17, 2024.

s/William Barkholz
WILLIAM BARKHOLZ
Case Manager