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14 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

15 DEWAYNE JOHNSON,

16 Plaintiff,

17 v.

18 MONSANTO COMPANY

19 Defendants.

Case No. CGC-16-550128

**DECLARATION OF CURTIS G. HOKE IN  
SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S TRIAL BRIEF  
REGARDING ADMISSIBILITY OF  
EXHIBIT 308 AND DR. SAWYER'S  
OPINION REGARDING DIETARY  
EXPOSURE**

Hon. Suzanne R. Bolanos

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1. I am an attorney at law admitted to practice before all of the courts in the state of California. I am an attorney at The Miller Firm, LLC, attorneys of record for Plaintiff Dewayne Johnson. I am over eighteen years of age and am fully competent to make this Declaration in support of Plaintiff's Trial Brief Regarding Admissibility Of Exhibit 308. Except as otherwise expressly stated below, I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this declaration, and if called to testify, I could and would competently testify to the matters stated herein.

3. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a true and correct copy of an email between Daniel Goldstein and Bruce Chassy dated March 3, 2010 and produced by Monsanto in discovery, bates numbered MONGLY01249878

5. Attached hereto as **Exhibit D** is a true and correct copy of excerpts of the January 11-12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 deposition of Donna Farmer.

7. Attached hereto as **Exhibit F** is a true and correct copy of excerpts of the deposition of Dr. William Sawyer.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

By:   
Curtis G. Hoke,  
Declarant

# EXHIBIT A

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# EXHIBIT B

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# EXHIBIT D

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# EXHIBIT E

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**Toxicological Assessment of Dewayne Johnson and Toxicological Risk  
Assessment of Glyphosate and Roundup® and Ranger PRO® Formulations**

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that ranged from 15 - 25 grams with the midpoint at 20 grams. Kumar, 2001, cited mice weights ranging from 25 - 47 grams with the midpoint at 36 grams. The midpoint weights were used for HED determination.

**Table 22**

**Calculated Human Equivalent Doses (HED) for the Lymphoma Incidence Data Used  
for Dose-Response Modeling**

<b>Study</b>	<b>Strain/ Species</b>	<b>Initial Midpoint Mice BW (kg)</b>	<b>Animal Dose (mg/kg/day)</b>	<b>HED (mg/kg/day)<sup>a</sup></b>
Sugimoto, 1997	CD-1 Mice	0.02	0	0
		0.02	165	21.5
		0.02	838.1	109
		0.02	4,348	565.3
Kumar, 2001	Swiss Albino Mice	0.036	0	0
		0.036	14.7	2.21
		0.036	150.5	22.7
		0.036	1,460.3	219.9
Wood, et al., 2009b	CD- 1 Mice	0.027	0	0
		0.027	71.4	10
		0.027	234.2	32.8
		0.027	810	113.5

<sup>a</sup> HEDs are calculated as  $HED = (animal\ dose) \times (animal\ BW / Human\ BW)^{0.25}$

## Cancer Risk Assessment Results: Cancer Slope Factor (CSF) Basis

Cancer risk level is determined as a consequence of applying a standard set of equations as established by U.S. EPA to specific variables as shown in the equations below. This section presents cancer risk level calculations using the cancer slope factor (CSF) for glyphosate exposures to herbicide applicators and the general population as well as dietary exposure cancer risk to the U.S. general population

### *Cancer Risk for Herbicide Applicators and the General Population*

The cancer risks introduced from dietary glyphosate within the general U.S. population as well as to exposed farmers and applicators is calculated based on determined glyphosate exposure doses and the frequency and duration of exposure to the carcinogen (glyphosate). This is then spread across the lifetime of the individual. The calculation uses the cancer slope factor and is determined by the following equation:

#### *Cancer Risk*

$$= \frac{\text{Exposure dose} \times \text{risk factor (cancer(oral) slope factor)} \times \text{years of exposure}}{70 \text{ years (lifetime)}}$$

### *Cancer Risk to the U.S. General Population via Dietary Exposure*

Glyphosate exposures occur through dietary consumption of glyphosate residue on food and in drinking water. As reported in Solomon, (2016),<sup>266</sup> the U.S. EPA Dietary Exposure Evaluation Model (DEEM) estimates the average exposure of the general population to glyphosate as 0.088 mg/kg bw/day from an estimate that ranged from 0.058 – 0.23 mg/kg bw/day.

Consequently, the upper range of the dietary exposure cancer risk level is determined as:

$$\text{Cancer Risk} = \frac{\left[ 0.23 \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{kg}} \text{ per day} \times 0.00169 \left( \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{kg}} \text{ per day} \right)^{-1} \times 70 \text{ years} \right]}{70 \text{ years (lifetime)}} = 3.9 \times 10^{-4}$$

<sup>266</sup> Solomon, K., "Glyphosate in the general population and in applicators: a critical review of studies on exposures," 2016, Critical Reviews in Toxicology, Vol.46: sup 1, 21 -27, DOI: 10.1080/10408444.2016.1214678

Table 26 displays the range of cancer risk levels from typical dietary exposure.

**Table 26**  
**Cancer Risk Levels Based on the U.S. EPA DEEM Estimated**  
**Dietary and Drinking Water Exposure to Glyphosate**  
*(US DEEM exposures from Solomon, 2016)*

Exposure	Dietary Residue and Drinking Water Dose	Cancer Risk Level
Low	0.058 mg/kg bw/day	$9.8 \times 10^{-5}$
Average	0.088 mg/kg bw/day	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$
High	0.23 mg/kg bw/day	$3.9 \times 10^{-4}$

Acceptable risk levels have been generally recognized and applied in public health for decades. Levels exceeding the *de minimus* level are generally considered unsafe. In this context, the above levels of cancer risk to the general public are clearly unacceptable as the generally accepted *de minimus* benchmark level for cancer risk is  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  (one in one million).<sup>267</sup>

However, slightly higher levels of cancer risk are often used in public health and are based upon prudent regulatory judgement. Factors for consideration include the impacted population size, reasonable availability of technology to reduce risk, beneficial aspects of the ruling, etc. For example, chlorination of public water is extremely beneficial to reduce morbidity and mortality, but chlorination carries a low level risk of cancer due to the formation of trihalomethane contaminants in the water.

Thus, a *de minimus* benchmark increase to  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  (one in one hundred thousand) is occasionally applied in such a regulatory context, but the cancer risk levels shown in Table 26 far exceed this “enhanced” risk level as well.

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<sup>267</sup> Payne-Sturges, DC, “Personal exposure meets risk assessment: A comparison of measured and modeled exposures and risks in an urban community,” 2004, Environmental Health Perspectives, Vol. 112(5), pg. 589-598.

**Table 31**  
**Cancer Risk Levels for Spray Operator Exposures (Hydraulic Nozzles)**

<b>Hand-held Outdoor Hydraulic Nozzles</b>	<b>Percentage Dermal Absorption (mg/day)</b>	<b>Exposure Level for a 60 kg Operator, (mg/kg/day)</b>	<b>Cancer Risk Level</b>	<b>Including a Dietary Risk Level of <math>1.5 \times 10^{-4}</math></b>
No gloves	3	1.391	$6.6 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-4}$
No gloves	5	2.318	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.6 \times 10^{-4}$
No gloves	10	4.635	$2.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.7 \times 10^{-4}$
Gloves during mixing/loading	3	1.378	$6.5 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-4}$
Gloves during mixing/loading	5	2.296	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.6 \times 10^{-4}$
Gloves during mixing/loading	10	4.592	$2.3 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.7 \times 10^{-4}$
Gloves at all times	3	0.669	$3.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$
Gloves at all times	5	1.115	$5.3 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-4}$
Gloves at all times	10	2.23	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-4}$
Boots, gloves, coveralls	3	0.254	$1.2 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-4}$
Boots, gloves, coveralls	5	0.423	$2.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$
Boots, gloves, coveralls	10	0.846	$4.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-4}$

**Table 32: Compilation of Peer-Reviewed NHL Latency Estimates**

Study/Source	Summary of Findings	Latency
USEPA Glyphosate Issue Paper: September, 2016 <sup>283</sup>	"Some have argued that the follow-up period (median=7 years) in De Roos, et al. (2005) is not sufficiently long to account for the latency of NHL (Portier, et al., 2016); however, the latency period for NHL following environmental exposures is relatively unknown and <b>estimates have ranged from 1-25 years</b> (Fontana et al., 1998; Kato et al., 2005; Weisenburger, 1992)."	1 to 25 yrs
USEPA Glyphosate Issue Paper: September, 2016 <sup>283</sup>	"Eriksson, et al., (2008) evaluated the impact of time since first exposure. This study found an increased effect estimate for subjects with <b>more than 10 years of glyphosate exposure prior to diagnosis</b> of NHL. This finding suggests a potential for a longer latency for NHL than the follow-up period in De Roos, et al. (2005)."	10 yrs
USEPA Glyphosate Issue Paper: September, 2016 <sup>283</sup>	"Two case-control studies evaluating the risk of NHL (Eriksson, et al., 2008 and McDuffie, et al., 2001) observed increased effect estimates in the highest exposure categories analyzed. Eriksson, et al. (2008) found a greater effect estimate for subjects with >10 days (based on the median days of exposure among controls) and >10 years of exposure (for latency analysis) when compared to subjects with =10 days and 1-10 years of exposure, respectively; ... however, given the latency analysis of NHL was limited to Eriksson, et al. (2008) and lack of NHL latency understanding in general, <b>further studies are needed to determine the true latency of NHL</b> . McDuffie, et al. (2001), stratifying based on the average number of days per year of exposure, observed similar effect estimates in the lower exposure category (>0 and =2 days/year) while a greater effect estimate was observed in the highest exposure category (>2 days/year)."	10 yrs
9-11 Monitoring and Treatment, World Trade Center Health Program <sup>284</sup>	" <b>A minimum latency period of 2 years</b> has been reported for non-Hodgkin lymphoma (Bennett, et al. 1991) following treatment of Hodgkin disease with chemotherapy and radiotherapy which is similar to the latency for secondary acute leukemia (Nadler and Zurbenko 2013; Tucker et al. 1988)."	0.4 to 2 yrs ( <i>minimum</i> )

<sup>283</sup> USEPA, "Glyphosate Issue Paper: Evaluation of Carcinogenic Potential," USEPA's Office of Pesticide Programs, September 12, 2016, [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-09/documents/glyphosate\\_issue\\_paper\\_evaluation\\_of\\_carcinogenic\\_potential.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-09/documents/glyphosate_issue_paper_evaluation_of_carcinogenic_potential.pdf)

<sup>284</sup> "Minimum Latency & Types or Categories of Cancer," World Trade Center Health Program, Revised: January 6, 2015, <https://www.cdc.gov/wtc/pdfs/WTCHP-Minimum-Cancer-Latency-PP-01062015.pdf>

## Toxicological Conclusions

Toxicologists cannot assume a position of advocacy. A scientifically credible expert opinion is based solely on objective, reliable evidence. Additionally, analysis must be performed without deviation from the prescribed methodology. Weight of evidence must take all possible factors into account before reaching any conclusions. A strong attempt has been made to apply those principles throughout this assessment.

Based on the totality of evidence available at this time, it is my opinion to reasonable toxicological certainty that the recent IARC classification of glyphosate as a Level 2A carcinogen is appropriate. Additionally, it is my opinion to reasonable toxicological certainty that some formulations of glyphosate have greater potential for carcinogenic health risks than calculated above based on enhanced absorption by adjuvants used in the products. Glyphosate has been demonstrated to induce (but may not be limited to) lymphoproliferative malignancies as supported by multiple, independent chronic dietary animal studies as well as the body of human epidemiological literature as assessed by IARC.

Mr. Dewayne Johnson was diagnosed with mycosis fungoides, an infrequently encountered, rare T-cell lymphoma, approximately 2.25 years following his frequent mixing and application of glyphosate/co-formulants for the Benicia Unified School District. His absorbed dose of glyphosate was within the range of that encountered within the generally accepted toxicological and epidemiological literature among hydraulic applicators. Mr. Johnson's medical history, family history, genetic predisposition, prior occupational chemical exposures or lifestyle risk factors do not reveal any known risk factors for lymphoma. Based on the documented and inherent properties of glyphosate to produce lymphoma in animal studies as well as the results of statistically significant human epidemiological studies, I am certain to reasonable toxicological certainty that Mr. Johnson's glyphosate exposures induced or significantly contributed to the onset of his T-cell lymphoma (mycosis fungoides).



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William R. Sawyer, Ph.D., D-ABFM

Chief Toxicologist

# EXHIBIT F

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
CASE NO.: CGC-16-550128

DEWAYNE JOHNSON,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MONSANTO COMPANY,  
Defendant.

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Continued Videotaped Deposition of WILLIAM  
SAWYER, PH.D., taken at 1451 Middle Gulf Drive,  
Sanibel, Florida, commencing at 8:09 a.m. -  
5:57 p.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2018, before  
Tracie Thompson, RMR, CRR, CLR, Registered  
Merit Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter,  
Certified LiveNote Reporter.

JOB No. 2820385

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1 there was a second significant finding among the  
2 pairwise analyses. So this greatly exceeds the  
3 guidelines that EPA has dictated. The guideline that  
4 either/or. You don't have to have two different  
5 positive tests, one or the other. Here we have both.

6 When EPA reran these numbers in December of  
7 2017, they still found positive trend tests, and the  
8 false positive rate was deemed negative for that  
9 trend. Again, that still meets the requirement of  
10 what we call the -- proving the null hypothesis; that  
11 is, proving that there is a causal connection between  
12 the glyphosate and the increasing dose response of  
13 cancer among the mice.

14 Q And the cancer in those mice was lymphoma,  
15 correct?

16 A I'm sorry?

17 Q Sorry. What was the cancer that was found  
18 to be statistically significant?

19 A Lymphoma.

20 Q You did analyze the cancer or cancer risk  
21 of the general population to dietary exposure of  
22 glyphosate, correct, in your report?

23 A I did. I used the US EPA data, which used  
24 the higher end of the risk.

25 Q And -- sorry, if you can give me a minute.

1 I'm just going to look at your report.

2 Okay. Yeah, so on page 146 of your  
3 report --

4 A All right.

5 Q -- do you see the paragraph below the chart  
6 beginning with "Acceptable risk levels"?

7 A Yes.

8 Q All right. It might be a little bit  
9 complicated for the jury. Can you explain to the  
10 jury, if you can, in lay people's terms, what that  
11 paragraph means?

12 A That means if a person was eating an  
13 American diet using only foods that were treated with  
14 glyphosate, such as browning of harvested wheat, GMO  
15 corn, GMO soybean and other GMO products which are  
16 designed to work in accordance with glyphosate, and  
17 the tolerance level, that is how much is allowed in  
18 the vegetable matter, if those two requirements were  
19 met, this would be the risk level.

20 Q And what do you mean by "de minimis  
21 benchmark level for cancer risk" in that paragraph?

22 A That the de minimis is one times 10 to  
23 minus 6 unless there's a benefit. For example,  
24 chlorinating water to prevent bacterial and viral  
25 infections, morbidity and death, the chlorine in

1 water is a benefit, but it does break down into a  
2 trihalomethane which can result in a 1 times 10 to  
3 the minus 6 or 5 times 10 to the minus 6 level risk.  
4 But yet that's accepted because it's essential and  
5 it's a benefit.

6           However, you know, an industry making a  
7 profit on a product is not a benefit for a human.  
8 It's -- so the risk levels that are applied to  
9 population are dependent upon whether it's an  
10 essential practice with a benefit for the population.

11           Q     And on this chart, your average is -- for  
12 the cancer -- the risk level for average, you write  
13 1.5 times 10 to the negative 4. Could you explain  
14 how that number compares to 1 times 10 to the  
15 negative 6?

16           A     Well, it's roughly 150 times in excess.

17           Q     And --

18           A     Oh, no. Yeah, yeah, 4 to the 6, yeah, so  
19 150 times in excess, I believe.

20           Q     Okay. And obviously DeWayne Johnson eats  
21 food, correct?

22           A     No, no, I'm wrong with 150. It's less than  
23 100 times.

24           Q     Okay.

25           A     Slightly less than 100 times in excess.

1           Q     And obviously DeWayne Johnson eats food,  
2 correct?

3           A     I'm sorry?

4           Q     Obviously DeWayne Johnson eats food,  
5 correct? That was a poor question. I'll strike that  
6 question.

7                     DeWayne Johnson would have been exposed to  
8 glyphosate through his diet, correct?

9           MR. DHINDSA: Objection. Leading.

10           THE WITNESS: Yes, I can't ascertain what  
11 percent of his diet was glyphosate treated or  
12 GMO glyphosate food, but certainly some.

13 BY MR. TRAVERS:

14           Q     And you didn't include that in your  
15 exposure assessment for DeWayne Johnson, as you  
16 testified earlier, correct?

17           MR. DHINDSA: Objection.

18           THE WITNESS: Correct.

19 BY MR. TRAVERS:

20           Q     So would you say that -- so you would be  
21 underestimating DeWayne Johnson's risk in your  
22 report, right?

23           MR. DHINDSA: Objection. Leading.

24           THE WITNESS: Well, certainly additive to  
25 his occupational exposure.

1 BY MR. TRAVERS:

2 Q And attorneys for Monsanto were asking you  
3 about your Roundup use. Is there anything you do to  
4 minimize your exposure to glyphosate in diet?

5 A Oh, yes. My wife only buys organic. We  
6 never buy GMO food. She's very careful about that.  
7 I mean, there are times I probably do eat glyphosate  
8 in food when I go out. For example, lunch today  
9 here, I don't know where that bread came from, but  
10 yes.

11 Q With respect to your personal spraying of  
12 Roundup, how does your use of Roundup compare to  
13 DeWayne Johnson's?

14 MR. DHINDSA: Objection.

15 THE WITNESS: It would be a bread crumb on  
16 the floor of a big room. I have a yard which is  
17 completely mulch. And as I said, I have only  
18 used it once since the hurricane in September.  
19 And right now, I don't think there's hardly a  
20 weed in the yard. It's fairly clean.

21 BY MR. TRAVERS:

22 Q And you take these extra precautions in  
23 your use of Roundup and your dietary exposure because  
24 you're aware of a cancer risk with it, correct?

25 MR. DHINDSA: Objection.

1 expert report. Do you have that in front of you?

2 A I do.

3 Q Now, at page 110 of your expert report,  
4 underneath Table 12, you note that Dr. Portier,  
5 former director of the National Institute of  
6 Environmental Health Sciences, was a collaborator on  
7 IARC monographs, correct?

8 A Yes. He was an invited guest, yes.

9 Q You said collaborator in your report,  
10 correct?

11 A I did. But, more specifically, he was an  
12 invited expert. He was not a formal member of the  
13 board, and I didn't say that he was in my report.

14 Q All right. You talked about dietary risk  
15 as well, right?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And you said that one times 10 to the minus  
18 6 is for a product that is not beneficial, right?

19 A Yes. That's a benchmark, yes.

20 Q And, thus, it's relevant to acceptable risk  
21 values whether a product is beneficial, right?

22 MR. TRAVERS: Objection. Asked and  
23 answered.

24 THE WITNESS: Yes, I already went through  
25 that.

1 BY MR. DHINDSA:

2 Q It's relevant to acceptable risk values  
3 whether a product is beneficial?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Now, you claim the average dietary risk for  
6 glyphosate is 1.5 times 10 to the minus 4, right,  
7 based on the DEEM model?

8 A At the high-end of the DEEM model, yes.

9 Q Isn't that based on the average in the DEEM  
10 model?

11 A No. It's based on the upper limit at .223.

12 Q If you look at page 146 of your expert  
13 report.

14 A Okay.

15 Q Do you see there where you have noted 1.5  
16 times 10 to the minus 4 is for the average exposure  
17 based on the DEEM model?

18 A Yes, but it's still upper limit exposure,  
19 assuming a glyphosate diet with residues at the  
20 tolerance limit.

21 Q And that alleged dietary risk would exceed  
22 the recorded background risk of NHL in the SEER data  
23 you discussed yesterday of 1.3 times 10 to the minus  
24 4, correct?

25 MR. TRAVERS: Objection. Form.

1 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat that, please?

2 BY MR. DHINDSA:

3 Q And that dietary risk would exceed the  
4 recorded background risk of NHL in the SEER data you  
5 discussed yesterday, right, the risk of 1.95 times 10  
6 to the minus 4?

7 A I don't recall where the 1.95 times 10 to  
8 the minus 4 comes from. The background of his  
9 particular malignancy at his age is about 5.6 per  
10 million which is 5.6 times 10 to the minus 6.

11 Q In response to some questions from  
12 Mr. Travers, do you recall discussing Cosmo-Flux  
13 411F?

14 A Yes.

15 Q That was in relation to the Paz-y-Mino  
16 study, right?

17 A Yes.

18 Q The authors describe that as a proprietary  
19 Columbian component probably included to aid in the  
20 inherent absorption of the herbicide, right?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Do you know the content of Cosmo-Flux 411F?

23 A No.

24 Q Do you know if it is recommended or  
25 permissibly used with Roundup Ultra?



# EXHIBIT G

**AFFIDAVIT OF EXPERT TOXICOLOGIST DR. WILLIAM R. SAWYER**

STATE OF FLORIDA

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COUNTY OF LEE

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Before me, the undersigned notary, on this day personally appeared WILLIAM R. SAWYER, a person whose identity is known to me. After I administered an oath to him, upon his oath, he said:

**A. Identification**

**Name and Purpose**

1. My name is William R. Sawyer, Ph.D. I have been retained as an expert toxicologist by attorneys for the plaintiff, Dewayne Johnson, to review and assess the various facts in the case surrounding his use and exposure to glyphosate herbicide and his subsequent lymphoma diagnosis.

**Qualifications and Training**

2. I am a professional toxicologist with a doctorate in toxicology from the Indiana University School of Medicine. I earned an associate degree from the State University of New York Agricultural and Technical College at Morrisville in 1976. I earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from the State University of New York at Geneseo in 1978. I earned a master's degree in cellular and molecular biology, also from the State University of New York at Geneseo, in 1982. I subsequently earned a doctorate in toxicology from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1988. This required three years of medical school curriculum with three years of course work in toxicology as well as training in the State Department of Toxicology and original, peer-reviewed and published toxicological research.
3. During my training at the Indiana University School of Medicine Department of Toxicology and Pharmacology, I studied under the late Robert B. Forney, Sr., Ph.D. Dr. Forney was the department chairman, the director of the State Department of Toxicology and one of the top researchers in his field and gained international recognition. I received considerable training with respect to toxic exposure evaluations of alcohol, numerous pharmaceuticals, petroleum and petroleum

took pains to point out this fact more than once in my report. Defendant elected to ignore them all.

45. Defendant's attorneys state "*Plaintiff is not claiming that dietary exposure caused his NHL and Dr. Sawyer claims to base his opinion solely on Plaintiff's occupational exposures. Nevertheless, Dr. Sawyer's cancer risk calculation for applicators includes dietary exposure. That exposure, though intended to apply to a man in his 40s, used modeling assumptions that included dietary intake of 1-2 year-old children and applicator modeling that far exceeds any reasonable dose Plaintiff received.*"
46. In this instance, defendant's attorneys are referencing Table 31 in my report. The complaint alleged by defendant is wholly unfounded as the occupational risk level is clearly marked in its own column without dietary risk added. The occupational cancer risk level derived from the Agricultural Health Study is displayed separately from the combined dietary and occupational exposure dose.

#### **H. Background Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (NHL) Risks**

47. Defense attorneys contend that "*actual occupational cancer risk was less than the background risk of NHL for African-American males of a similar age,*" then further stated that I "agreed" that if a risk does not exceed the background rate of a cancer, it is not consider to be significant. This response taken from my deposition was deliberately framed to appear to support defendant's contentions. It was taken out of context, and there was no attempt to explain the actual comparison being made.
48. There are levels of risk that are considered acceptable for carcinogenic chemicals. For example, chloroform (an animal carcinogen/possible human carcinogen) is formed in drinking water when chlorine is added as a disinfectant. Thus, there is *consensus* that the benefit outweighs the calculated level of risk as the chlorine prevents fatal water-borne diseases. Regulatory agencies are in place to assess risk levels and maintain acceptable levels for the protection of human health of the general population. The US EPA uses a *de minimis* risk level of 1 in 1,000,000 person years ( $1 \times 10^{-6}$ ) for cancer as stated in their proposed rule.<sup>38</sup> "*EPA today proposes the human health criteria at a cancer risk level of  $10^{-6}$  because such a risk level is conservative for the general population and in the generally applied risk range.* Higher risks such as for 1:100,000 person-years have been used as well. In this context, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma cancer risk among African American is 13

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<sup>38</sup> US EPA, "40 CFR Part 131, Proposed Rules," 1991, Federal Register, Vol. 56 (223).