

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

IN RE: PARAQUAT PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LITIGATION,

This Document Relates to:

ALL CASES

Case No.: 3:21-MD-03004-NJR
MDL No. 3004

Chief Judge Nancy J. Rosenstengel

**STIPULATION
REGARDING PROPER PARTIES**

Plaintiffs and Defendant CHEVRON U.S.A. INC., by and through their undersigned attorneys, stipulate and agree that:

Dismissal of non-Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Entities

1. Defendant, through counsel who has appeared in this proceeding, has represented to Plaintiffs, and hereby represents to the Court, that during the year 2000, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. expressly assumed all liabilities of Chevron Chemical Company LP and Chevron Chemical Company arising from their paraquat business activities, including alleged activities of design, registration, manufacture, formulation, testing, packaging, labeling, distribution, and/or sale of paraquat products in the United States.¹ Chevron U.S.A. Inc. further represented to Plaintiffs, and hereby represents to the Court, that Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP and Chevron Phillips Chemical Company

¹ By entering into this stipulation Chevron U.S.A. Inc. does not admit liability for any claims asserted by Plaintiffs. Rather, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. denies liability as to all claims asserted by Plaintiffs.

LLC (collectively “CP Chem”), Phillips 66, Phillips 66 Company (collectively “Phillips 66”), and Chevron Corporation hold no liability for the above-listed activities with respect to paraquat; rather, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. is the proper party relating to allegations involving the above-listed activities with respect to paraquat.

2. Defendant Chevron U.S.A. Inc. has further represented to Plaintiffs, and hereby represents to the Court, that Chevron Chemical Company terminated its paraquat business activities in 1986, specifically including but not limited to distribution of paraquat in the United States, and transferred away all relevant registrations for the products.

3. In this coordinated and consolidated proceeding, certain plaintiffs filed their complaints naming not only Chevron U.S.A. Inc., but also one or more of the above-listed defendants (see Appendix A). Regarding CP Chem, these plaintiffs either allege in some form that Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP is a successor by merger or continuation of business to Chevron Chemical Company LLC, which in turn is a successor by merger or continuation of business to Chevron Chemical Company, or, in some member cases, do not allege any connection to Chevron Chemical Company or the paraquat business. Regarding Chevron Corporation and Phillips 66, these complaints do not contain allegations of any connection to Chevron Chemical Company or the paraquat business.

4. Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel and Chevron U.S.A. Inc. agree that CP Chem, Chevron Corporation, and Phillips 66 should be dismissed without prejudice as defendants in the member cases described in Paragraph 3.

Dismissal of Claims Alleging Paraquat Exposure Beginning 1990 or Later

5. Chevron Chemical Company (whose liabilities Chevron U.S.A. Inc. has assumed, as detailed above) stopped distributing paraquat in 1986 and transferred all paraquat registrations held by Chevron to a non-Chevron entity at that time. In this coordinated and consolidated proceeding, certain plaintiffs assert causes of action against Chevron U.S.A. Inc. based on alleged exposure to a paraquat product beginning in 1990 or later (see Appendix B). These plaintiffs do not allege facts providing a basis for liability of Chevron U.S.A. Inc. for exposures beginning in 1990 or later; some explicitly allege and acknowledge that Chevron U.S.A. Inc. distributed paraquat only through 1986.

6. Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel and Chevron U.S.A. Inc. agree that Chevron U.S.A. Inc. should be dismissed without prejudice as a defendant in the member cases described in Paragraph 5.²

² Chevron U.S.A. Inc. expressly denies liability for any claims alleging exposure beginning after 1986; nothing in this Stipulation prevents Chevron U.S.A. Inc. from seeking dismissal of cases that allege exposure to paraquat beginning after 1986.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on October 29, 2021, the foregoing was filed electronically with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, and was served by operation of that Court's electronic filing system, upon all counsel of record entered in this matter.

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