

# NATIONAL PARK NJ RESIDENTS FILE CLASS ACTION AGAINST SOLVAY ARKEMA

*The toxic compound perfluorononanoic acid or PFNA has been found in soil, air, and groundwater in New Jersey where a class-action lawsuit has been filed.*



NATION PARK, NJ, UNITED STATES, June 8, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The owners of four homes in the Borough of National Park have filed a class-action lawsuit charging companies

associated with a West Deptford chemical facility with polluting the municipal wells that supply them their drinking water. The complaint, *Severa, et al. v. Solvay Specialty Polymers, USA, LLC, et al* [SEE LINK TO COMPLAINT BELOW] alleges that between 1988 and 2010, the operators of the plant at 10 Leonard Lane in West Deptford improperly released hundreds of metric tons of the toxic compound Perfluorononanoic acid, known as [PFNA](#) into the surrounding soil, air and groundwater.

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*David Cedar Esq., Partner*

PFNA is one of a family of “forever chemicals” that have recently come to the forefront of public and regulatory attention. Arkema, Inc. owned the facility until 2000 when it sold it to a corporate predecessor of Solvay, which currently operates it. PFNA was used at the West Deptford

site in the manufacture of specialized, heat and abrasion-resistant plastics with many industrial applications. At one time, the plant was the second-highest user of PFNA In the world.

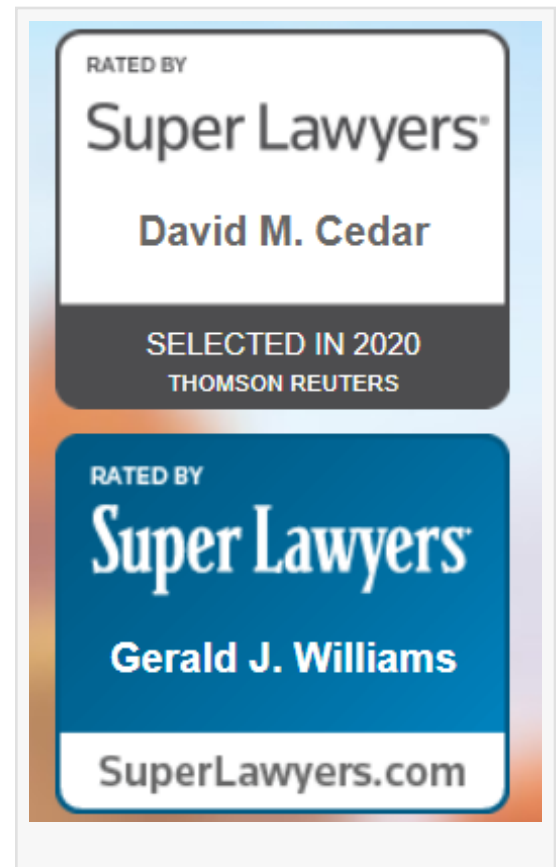
PFNA does not degrade regularly in the environment and has been associated with several toxic and immunological effects in humans. The State of New Jersey has established a “maximum contaminant level” of 13 parts per trillion in drinking water for the chemical. The state’s Department of Environmental Protection has issued a directive requiring Solvay to address widespread contamination of PFNA and related chemicals throughout the region.

Since the second quarter of 2019, PFNA has been detected in National Park’s municipal water in excess of the MCL. The Borough has notified residents of the findings and recommended the

purchase of filtration systems to remove the contaminant.

The class action complaint demands damages for residents' loss of property value, their loss of the "quiet enjoyment" of their properties, and the costs of remediation, including filters. It also seeks to compel defendants to remediate the contamination and to fund a biomonitoring program to assess the levels and effects of PFNA in their bodies.

Plaintiffs are represented by the [Haddonfield law firm, Williams Cedar, LLC](#). [David Cedar Esq.](#), a partner in the firm said: "The more we learn about PFNA and its chemical cousins, the more concerned we should be about their irresponsible handling by large corporations and the not coincidental, lax federal oversight that went on for decades. This lawsuit is intended to take another step in holding responsible parties accountable for the misuse of these dangerous materials."



With an impressive track record of successfully representing individuals and communities who have been exposed to toxic chemicals, Williams Cedar continues to fight for victims whose water, soil, air, or work environment has become polluted by harmful chemicals. The dedicated and tenacious legal team has a reputation for winning landmark cases that recover sizable financial compensation for clients who have suffered from serious, life-threatening health conditions due to exposure to toxic chemicals.

LINK TO CLASS-ACTION COMPLAINT: <https://www.williamscedar.com/files/2020/06/Filed-Complaint-National-Park.pdf>

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