

NEWS STATEMENT

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In a hearing held today in Kanawha County Circuit Court, the Honorable Judge Louis Bloom transferred to Wood County Circuit Court a class action lawsuit filed on August 20, 2001, against DuPont and the Lubeck Public Service District.

The ruling stemmed from a change of venue motion filed by Lubeck Public Service District.

The lawsuit was filed by residents of Wood County who claim that they have been exposed to ammonium perfluorooctanoate, also known as C-8, through their drinking water. C-8 is a process aid used by DuPont at its Washington Works site in the manufacture of fluoropolymer resins. In more than 50 years of use by DuPont and others, there are no known adverse health effects associated with C-8.

"DuPont is pleased with the Court's decision to move this lawsuit to Wood County," said Paul Bossert, plant manager at DuPont's Washington Works site, which is located in Wood County. "We believe the concerns of the plaintiffs can be most fairly addressed within the legal jurisdiction of the local community."

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