

1,4-dioxane - Suffolk County Water Authority

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This case seeks damages for 1,4-dioxane contamination of drinking water wells suffered by Suffolk County Water Authority ("SCWA"), the nation's largest supplier of public drinking water from groundwater, resulting from the use and discharge of 1-4 dioxane or products containing 1,4-dioxane, a carcinogenic compound. The complaint alleges that the defendants, who knew or should have known of the environmental risks of their defectively-designed products, must bear responsibility for the costs of treating the contaminated water and protecting the public from harm.

The defendants are Dow Chemical Company, Ferro Corporation, Vulcan Materials Company, Procter & Gamble Company, and Shell Oil Company. SCWA asserts state law tort claims against the manufacturers and distributors of 1,4-dioxane and/or products containing 1,4-dioxane. Defendants moved to dismiss, and Judge Joseph F. Bianco heard oral argument on Defendants' Motion on June 27, 2018. On Dec. 13, 2018, the Court denied Defendants' Motion in an oral ruling, and the parties are currently engaged in discovery.