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## Power Plant Worker Files Benzene Case Against Radiator Specialty

NEW ORLEANS — A former power utility plant worker has filed a benzene complaint against Radiator Specialty, contending that his use of the defendant's Liquid Wrench product caused him to develop multiple myeloma.

The complaint was filed Nov. 29 in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana by Homer A. Lindsay, who contends that as an employee of the New Orleans Public Services Inc., a power utility plant, he was exposed to benzene-containing products.

Specifically, Lindsay used Radiator Specialty's Liquid Wrench to perform maintenance, repairs, and installation of instruments, controls and piping for a number of years at the plant, the lawsuit says.

As a result of the exposure, Lindsay says he incurred damage to his bone marrow and blood forming organs. Ultimately, Lindsay developed multiple myeloma, the lawsuit says.

"As a direct and proximate result of exposure to benzene in Liquid Wrench," the complaints says, "Mr. Lindsay suffered injury including, but not limited to multiple myeloma, physical damage, severe physical and mental pain, fear of further disease processes, disability, medical expenses, and loss of enjoyment of life. The development of multiple myeloma as a result of chronic benzene exposure has been well documented, and death resulting from multiple myeloma has been associated with benzene exposure."

Benzene has been known to be a health hazard for more than 100 years, according to Lindsay. As such, the defendant should have known that its product could be harmful to those that use it.

"The actions or inactions of the Defendant constitutes gross negligence and demonstrate a reckless disregard for the rights and safety of others," the complaint says.

The plaintiffs additionally assert the discovery rule, saying that the cause of his illness was not known until 2012.

Counsel for the plaintiffs is L. Eric Williams of the Williams Law Office in Metairie, La.

Lindsay, et al. v. Radiator Specialty Co., et al., No. 12-02852 (E.D. La.).

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