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## Louisiana Benzene Case Scheduled for April Trial Settles; Case Involved Allegations of Gas Station, Refinery Exposure

NEW ORLEANS — A Louisiana benzene case slated for trial in April has settled, according to a notice of settlement filed with the court on March 26.

In the notice the U.S. Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana said that “following discussions among the parties, the [case] has settled.”

The underlying claims were filed by Hollis and Edna Faye Boutain. The plaintiffs contend that Hollis Boutain was exposed to benzene-containing products while he performed maintenance work at a gas station and refinery. Plaintiffs claim that as a result of the exposure, Hollis developed Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.

Chevron USA Inc., Oil Insurance Ltd. and Radiator Specialty Co., remained in the case, which was set for trial in April.

The defendants are represented by Patrick A. Talley Jr., Barbara L. Arras, Curt L. Rome and Sarah Perkins Reid of Phelps Dunbar in New Orleans.

Counsel for the plaintiffs are L. Eric Williams of the Williams Law Office in Metairie, La.; and Richard J. Fernandez and Amber E. Cisney of the Law Office of Richard J. Fernandez LLC in Metairie, La.

Boutain, et al., v. Radiator Specialty Co., et al., No. 11-1907 (E.D. La.).

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