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## 2 More Benzene Lawsuits Filed Alleging Exposure at Louisiana Shell Facilities

NEW ORLEANS — Two more benzene lawsuits have been filed in Louisiana federal court recently, with each plaintiff alleging that they were exposed to benzene-containing products while working at Shell facilities across the state.

The complaints were filed Jan. 15 in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, less than one week after three other complaints asserting similar benzene-related allegations were filed.

In one of the recent complaints, Raymond and Theresa Gaubert argued that Raymond Gaubert's employment as a contract welder/pipefitter exposed him to benzene-containing products.

Gaubert was employed by a number of companies, including LouCon, Brown and Root, and Turner Industries, over the course of approximately 20 years. While employed with these companies, Gaubert worked at Shell Oil, Shell Chemical and Murphy Oil facilities across Louisiana.

"From 1968 through 1985, he would regularly come into contact with benzene or benzene-containing products while performing welding/pipe fitting and performing new construction, adding new lines, installing new equipment," the complaint said. "Mr. Gaubert was diagnosed with multiple myeloma on May 19, 2014 due to his exposure to benzene and benzene-containing products."

The other lawsuit was asserted by John Binder, who says he worked as a contract tank cleaner for Rollins Environmental, Inc. at the Shell facilities.

While there, Binder said he cleaned tanks with benzene, gasoline, toluene, xylene, crude oil and diesel.

"He was regularly exposed to benzene during this period," Binder alleged. "He worked on turnarounds and new construction."

Binder said he developed non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma as a result of the exposure.

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

Gaubert, et al. v. Shell Oil Company, et al., No. 15-00099; Binder, No. 15-00097 (E.D. La.).

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