

**PERRINE DUPONT SETTLEMENT CLAIMS OFFICE PRESS RELEASE**  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**REMEDICATION OF ZONE 1B IS COMPLETE, AND REMEDIATION IN**  
**SPELTER AND ZONE 2 TO BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR**

The Perrine DuPont Settlement was created in 2011 when DuPont agreed to fund a Property Remediation (Clean-Up) Program and a Medical Monitoring Program to resolve litigation that alleged that the operation of a zinc smelter had contaminated the environment around Spelter, West Virginia, which DuPont denies. Spelter is in central Harrison County, approximately half-way between Clarksburg and Shinnston on Route 19.

Through the Settlement, DuPont agreed to fund a 30 year Medical Monitoring Program for area residents, and that Program has had more than 4,000 individuals file successful claims to participate. The Medical Monitoring Program is in its third year of operation and is currently conducting the second round of medical testing for participating individuals.

The Property Clean-Up Program cleans houses and soil properties. All house and soil properties were tested for arsenic, cadmium, zinc, and lead, and any properties owned by Class Members with timely claims with unhealthy levels of contamination in the test results will be cleaned.

The Class Area, with Spelter in the center, is broken down into different zones. In the center of the Class Area is Zone 1A, which is primarily Spelter. In Zone

1A, the soil is remediated by being replaced with new soil and sod to a minimum depth of six inches, and the houses are cleaned and attic insulation and carpets are removed and replaced. Zone 1A is the only part of the Class Area where soil remediation was determined to be necessary.

The next Zone is 1B, where the houses are cleaned and attic insulation is replaced. Zones 2 and 3 are the next areas further out from the center of the Class Area, and houses in those Zones are also cleaned and attic insulation is replaced.

The Perrine DuPont Settlement has successfully remediated (cleaned) almost 500 individual properties in the past two years.

We have finished remediation on 136 soil properties. 44 soil properties are in the process of being remediated and 2 properties opted out of the program, leaving 47 soil parcels with clean-up yet to begin of the 229 parcels to be remediated (60% of soil properties complete).

More than 21,000 tons of contaminated soil have been removed from Zone 1A residential properties and safely disposed of in an approved landfill.

There are only 12 soil properties left in Spelter which have not been cleaned, with the remaining properties either finished or in progress. Spelter is scheduled to be completed this year.

There are approximately 47 soil properties for which we have not yet begun the remediation process, including the 12 in Spelter, but we are hoping to finish soil remediation this year.

There were 802 houses that required remediation. We have completed the remediation on 345 of the houses, and 84 houses either opted out of the program, or were denied, leaving 373 houses to be remediated (53% of houses complete).

For Zone 1A houses, there have been 146 houses cleaned to date, with only 15 remaining to be cleaned.

Zone 1B houses are complete. There have been 36 houses cleaned to date, with no houses remaining to be cleaned.

For Zone 2 houses, there have been 152 houses cleaned to date, with only 2 remaining to be cleaned, to be completed this year.

For Zone 3 houses, there have been 11 houses cleaned to date, with 356 remaining to be cleaned.

More than \$1.6 million has been paid to Spelter class member residents for annoyance and inconvenience in connection with the clean-up and in per diem payments for their relocation during the clean-up.

All state, federal, and local laws have been complied with during the remediation process, and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has conducted site inspections on multiple occasions without incident.

All soil properties and houses are tested for unhealthy levels of arsenic, cadmium, zinc and lead, after the Settlement remediation contractor, NCM, reports that they have been remediated. If they are still contaminated, NCM remediates them further at NCM's expense until the tests show healthy levels.

Through August 31, 2014, there have been approximately 15,578 telephone calls from Claimants to the Spelter Fire Station Claims Office, and 7,438 Claims Office visits by Claimants.

Please direct any questions about the Settlement to either Ed Gentle, the Claims Administrator, at 205-960-2533, or to Mike Jacks, the Executive Director, at 304-622-7443. Additionally, the [www.perrinedupont.com](http://www.perrinedupont.com) website provides a substantial amount of relevant information, including Court records and a map of the class area.

Yours very truly,



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