

If You Owned or Occupied Residential Property Within Certain Areas of Portland and Gregory, Texas Between August 1, 2016 and October 28, 2021, You Could Receive Compensation From a Class Action Settlement

A Federal Court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

Read this notice carefully. Your legal rights may be affected whether you act or don't act.

This lawsuit was brought by a group of residents in Gregory/Portland, Texas ("Plaintiffs") against the defendants voestalpine Texas LLC, voestalpine US Holding LLC, and voestalpine Texas Holding LLC ("Defendants") and is currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas—Corpus Christi Division before Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos (Blake Chapman et al. v. voestalpine Texas LLC; Case No. 2:17-cv-174) (the "Litigation"). This class action lawsuit claims that Dust escaped from Settling Defendants' facility at 2800 Kay Bailey Hutchinson Road, Portland Texas, and caused damage to the real and personal property of individuals residing within the class area.

Who is Included?

The Settlement Class includes individuals who have owned and/or occupied residential property in the Class Area, including portions of Gregory/Portland, Texas, from August 2016 through October 28, 2021 ("Class Period"). To see a map of the Class Area, please go to www.DustSettlement.com. If you need further assistance determining if you are a Class Member, contact the Claims Administrator at 844-707-8895 or email info@DustSettlement.com.

What Does the Settlement Provide?

Under the proposed Settlement, Class Members who submit a valid claim by February 11, 2022 are entitled to monetary compensation for damage to their homes and/or other property. The Court has appointed a neutral third-party to serve as the Special Master to apportion the Settlement Fund among the Class Members and to oversee the Settlement administration. This document only provides a general summary—the full or "Long-Form" Notice explains the Settlement, advises you of your options, and provides full instructions for filing a claim, excluding yourself from the lawsuit, or objecting to the settlement. You can also review the Settlement Agreement itself. Both documents are available at www.DustSettlement.com.

Do I Need Documentation to Submit a Claim?

Yes, you will likely need to provide documentation to support your claim that you owned and/or occupied residential property within the Class Area during the relevant time period. For more information, see the Documentation Guidance section of the Claim Form instructions, or the Long Form Notice, available on the case website.

What are My Rights and Options?

Submit a Claim: To receive a Settlement payment, you must submit a Claim Form. To obtain a Claim Form (if one was not provided to you), visit the case website at www.DustSettlement.com where you may download a blank Claim Form. A valid, completed Claim Form must be mailed by U. S. Mail and **postmarked by February 11, 2022**.

Do Nothing: You will be included in the Settlement Class and bound by the Court's decision, but you will not receive a payment. You will give up your rights to sue the Settling Defendants about the claims in this case.

Exclude Yourself: You can exclude yourself ("opt out") of the Settlement by submitting an exclusion request to the Claims Administrator that is mailed by U. S. Mail and **postmarked no later than February 11, 2022**. If you do so, you will not be part of the Settlement and will not be eligible to receive a settlement payment and you will not release any claims under the Settlement Agreement. The instructions for excluding yourself are included in the Long Form Notice at FAQ#13.

Object: You may also object to any part of this Settlement. Objections must be mailed to the Claims Administrator by U. S. Mail and **postmarked no later than February 11, 2022**. The instructions for objecting are also included in the Long-Form Notice at FAQ#14.

Details about how to exclude yourself, object, and submit your Claim Form are available on the Settlement Website. If you seek to exclude yourself or to object, you may be contacted by the Special Master who may ask for additional information and clarifications.

Has the Court Approved the Settlement?

No, the Court has set a Final Approval Hearing for June 15, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. to determine whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. At this hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement, Class Representative service awards not to exceed \$7,000 total, attorney's expenses not to exceed \$750,000.00, and attorneys' fees not to exceed 7.63% of the Total Settlement Value. If there are objections, the Court will consider them at that time. You or your lawyer may appear at the hearing at your expense. The hearing may be moved to a different date or time without additional notice. Check the Settlement Website or call 1-844-707-8895 for current information.

How Can I Get More Information?

This Notice summarizes the Settlement Agreement. You can get a copy of the Settlement Agreement, important Court documents, Claim Form, and more information about the settlement on www.DustSettlement.com. If you have questions, you may contact the Claims Administrator (see below) or Class Counsel (see case website for contact information).