

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

In re: PARAQUAT PRODUCTS  
LIABILITY LITIGATION

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Case No. 3:21-md-3004-NJR

MDL No. 3004

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 14**  
**REAPPOINTING PLAINTIFFS' LEADERSHIP**

**ROSENSTENGEL, Chief Judge:**

In Case Management Order No. 2 (CMO 2), the Court appointed a small, diverse, inclusive, and experienced leadership group consisting of Co-Lead Counsel, MDL and State Court Liaison Counsel, and a Plaintiffs' Executive Committee (PEC). (See [Doc. 169](#)). The appointments were personal appointments, such that appointees cannot be substituted by other attorneys without Court approval. (*Id.* at pp. 9-10). The Order further provided that the Court "may add or replace appointees on their request, on request of Plaintiffs' leadership team, or on its own motion, if and as circumstances warrant." (*Id.* at p. 10).

The appointments in CMO 2 were made for a one-year term. That term is complete, and it is time for the Court to reappoint the Plaintiffs' leadership team. During the past year, one member of the original PEC resigned and three members have changed firms. The Court reappoints the following, with updated contact information:

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The duties and responsibilities of Co-Lead Counsel, MDL and State Court Liaison Counsel, and PEC members are enumerated in CMO 2. These appointments remain personal appointments as described in CMO 2 and shall continue until further order of this Court. An appointee may be removed or replaced if and as circumstances warrant.

Should circumstances change and the need for new or additional leadership positions arise, the Court may invite additional applications for leadership from those who initially applied or others.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATED: August 16, 2022**

Handwritten signature of Nancy J. Rosenstengel in black ink, written over a circular seal of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

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**NANCY J. ROSENSTENGEL**  
**Chief U.S. District Judge**