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**MAR 26 2021**

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

**IN RE:** )  
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**PARAQUAT PRODUCTS** )  
**LITIGATION.** )

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SOUTHERN  
DISTRICT OF  
ILLINOIS

**Administrative Order No. 289**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

The undersigned Chief Judge is presiding over five cases involving the synthetic chemical compound Paraquat Dichloride (“Paraquat”). See *Hemker et al. v. Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 21-cv-211-NJR, *Piper v. Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 21-cv-228, *Runyon v. Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 21-cv-229, *Kearns et al. v. Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 21-cv-278, and *Durbin v. Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 21-cv-293. In these cases, Plaintiffs’ claims arise from alleged exposure to herbicide products that contain the active ingredient Paraquat (“Paraquat Products”). According to Plaintiffs, exposure to Paraquat Products causes or contributes to the development of neurodegenerative disease, including Parkinson’s disease. Given the similarity of claims and defendants, it is evident that these cases, and any newly filed cases involving similar claims about Paraquat Products, are related, and should be assigned to a single judge. See *Smith v. Check-N-Go of Illinois*, 200 F.3d 511, 513, n. 1 (7th Cir. 1999); *Blair v. Equifax Check Serv.*, 181 F.3d 832, 839 (7th Cir. 1999).

Accordingly, the Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to assign any newly filed action pertaining to injuries allegedly arising from exposure to Paraquat Products to Chief Judge Nancy J. Rosenstengel.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy J. Rosenstengel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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