

# **Bennington Area Residents Reach \$34 Million Settlement in PFOA Lawsuit**

“Residents who complained of water and soil contamination from two defunct Bennington industrial plants have reached a \$34 million case settlement with the plant owners. The court’s approval is pending. After five years of litigation, Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Corporation agreed Wednesday,” reports Tiffany Tan in VT Digger.

“The French multinational would also pay up to \$6 million to monitor certain diseases among residents adversely exposed to PFOA, a chemical used in its former plants in North Bennington and Bennington. The rest of the money would cover a portion of the attorneys’ fees. The facilities, which closed in 2002, became famous for fiberglass.”

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