

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 91-38

JUAN LUIS RAMIREZ ROJAS, et al.

Plaintiffs,

vs.

JACK D. DEMENT, CASTLE &
COOKE, INC., DOW CHEMICAL
COMPANY, SHELL OIL COMPANY
and OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL
CORPORATION,

Defendants.

91-8185-GONZALEZ
91-8193-GONZALEZ
91-8194-GONZALEZ
91-8195-GONZALEZ
91-8196-PAINE
91-8197-PAINE
91-8198-GONZALEZ
91-8199-GONZALEZ
91-8200-PAINE
91-8201-ZLOCH
91-8202-PAINE
91-8203-ROETTGER
91-8204-ZLOCH
91-8205-PAINE
91-8206-RYSKAMP
91-8207-ROETTGER
91-8208-GONZALEZ
91-8209-ROETTGER
91-8210-MARCUS
91-8211-PAINE
91-8213-RYSKAMP
91-8214-PAINE
91-8215-GONZALEZ
91-8216-PAINE
91-8217-KING
91-8218-PAINE
91-8219-GONZALEZ
91-8220-ZLOCH
91-8221-PAINE
91-8222-ZLOCH
91-8223-ROETTGER
91-8224-PAINE
91-8225-ROETTGER
91-8226-PAINE
91-8227-KEHOE
91-8228-ROETTGER
91-8229-GONZALEZ
91-8230-ROETTGER
91-8231-PAINE
91-8232-ROETTGER
91-8235-ZLOCH
91-8236-ZLOCH
91-8237-PAINE
91-8238-ROETTGER
91-8239-ROETTGER
91-8240-PAINE
91-8241-PAINE
91-8242-PAINE

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91-8243-ZLOCH
91-8245-ROETTGER
91-8246-PAINE
91-8247-GONZALEZ
91-8248-ZLOCH
91-8249-DAVIS
91-8250-GONZALEZ
91-8251-RYSKAMP
91-8252-ROETTGER
91-8253-ROETTGER
91-8254-PAINE
91-8255-KING

**IN RE: ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION SOLELY
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERTAINING DEFENDANTS'
PETITION FOR REMOVAL**

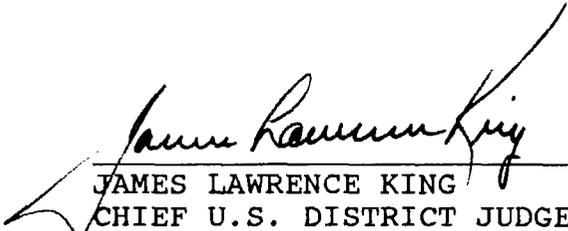
This matter has come before the Court as a result of a petition for removal filed by the Defendants, under 28 U.S.C. §1441, in the above captioned 60 cases. These cases all grow out of an original complaint filed in the Circuit Court of the fifteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County, Florida, action number CL 91-3702 AA, regarding personal injury claims alleged to have occurred as a result of the Plaintiffs' exposure to the poison dibromochloropropane (DBCP) in Costa Rica.

This Court finds that it would be in the interest of judicial economy that all actions presently pending before this court relating to the above-mentioned actions be consolidated solely for the purpose of ruling on Defendants' petition for removal filed with this court on April 30, 1991.

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This Court recognizing that Rule 6 (c) of the Local Rules of the Southern District of Florida provide that in transferring similar proceedings, in order to avoid duplication of judicial labor, the reassignment should be to the lower numbered action. Therefore, these matters are hereby transferred to the Honorable Jose A. Gonzalez, Jr. for the limited purpose of resolving this issue and is done without undertaking the formal transfer of any of the pending actions. Local counsel is instructed that all future pleadings are to be filed under the low number case 91-8185-Gonzalez until further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers, United States District Court, Federal Courthouse Square, Miami, Florida, this 10th day of May, 1991.



JAMES LAWRENCE KING
CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: All United States District Judges, Southern District
All Counsel on Service List
Clerk of Court