

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 91-50

JOSE LUIS ARIAZ, MOLINA, et al.

Plaintiffs,

vs.

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

Defendants.

91-8343-ZLOCH  
91-8344-ROETTGER  
91-8345-ZLOCH  
91-8346-PAINE  
91-8347-ROETTGER  
91-8348-ROETTGER  
91-8349-PAINE  
91-8350-ROETTGER  
91-8351-ZLOCH  
91-8352-ROETTGER  
91-8353-NESBITT  
91-8357-ZLOCH  
91-8358-GONZALEZ  
91-8359-PAINE  
91-8360-GONZALEZ  
91-8361-PAINE  
91-8362-ROETTGER  
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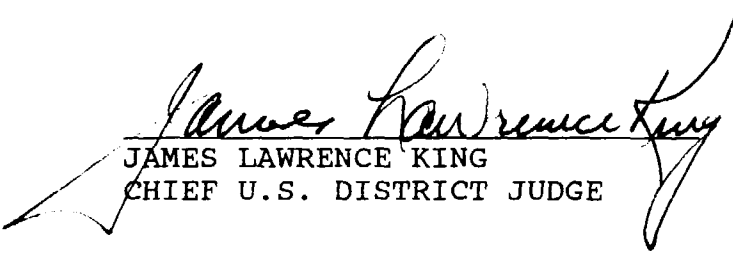
**IN RE: ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION SOLELY  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERTAINING DEFENDANTS'  
PETITION FOR REMOVAL**

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 22 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.

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 27th day of June, 1991.

  
JAMES LAWRENCE KING  
CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

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