

**SUMMARY NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT
AND COURT-APPROVAL HEARING**

In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 2:18-mn-02873 This Document relates to: *City of Camden, et al., v. BASF Corporation*, No. 2:24-cv-03174-RMG

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
CHARLESTON DIVISION

TO THE SETTLEMENT CLASS: All Active Public Water Systems in the United States of America that have one or more Impacted Water Sources as of May 15, 2024.

All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Settlement Agreement, available for review at www.PFASWaterSettlement.com.

Active Public Water System means a Public Water System whose activity-status field in SDWIS states that the system is “Active.”

Impacted Water Source means a Water Source that has a Qualifying Test Result showing a Measurable Concentration of PFAS.

Public Water System means a system for the provision to the public of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances, if such system has at least fifteen (15) service connections or regularly serves an average of at least twenty-five (25) individuals daily at least sixty (60) days out of the year, consistent with the use of that term in the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C § 300f(4)(A) and 40 C.F.R. Part 141. The term “Public Water System” includes (i) any collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities under control of the operator of such system and used primarily in connection with such system, and (ii) any collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under such control which are used primarily in connection with such system. Solely for purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the term “Public Water System” refers to a Community Water System of any size or a Non-Transient Non-Community Water System that serves more than 3,300 people, according to SDWIS, the owner and/or operator of such Public Water Systems, or any Person (but not any financing or lending institution) that has legal authority or responsibility (by statute, regulation, other law, or contract) to fund or incur financial obligations for the design, engineering, installation, operation, or maintenance of any facility or equipment that treats, filters, remediates, or manages water that has entered or may enter Drinking Water or any Public Water System. It is the intention of this Agreement that the definition of “Public Water System” be as broad, expansive, and inclusive as possible.

What Is the Purpose of this Notice? The purpose of this Notice is (i) to advise you of a proposed settlement of certain Claims against BASF Corporation (“BASF” or “Defendant”) in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina (the “Court”); (ii) to summarize your rights

in connection with the Settlement; and (iii) to inform you of a Court hearing to consider whether to grant final approval of the Settlement (the “Final Fairness Hearing”), to be held on November 1, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. EST, before the Honorable Richard M. Gergel, United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, located at 85 Broad Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401.

What Are the Key Terms of the Proposed Settlement? BASF has agreed to pay \$312,500,000 (the “Settlement Amount”), subject to final approval of the Settlement by the Court and certain other conditions specified in the Settlement Agreement. BASF shall additionally pay \$4,000,000 (the “Initial Payment”) to cover costs incurred by the Notice Administrator in the course of executing the Notice Plan. Together, these payments from BASF constitute the “Settlement Funds.” In no event shall BASF be required under the Settlement Agreement to pay any amounts above the Settlement Funds. Any fees, costs, or expenses payable under the Settlement Agreement shall be paid out of, and shall not be in addition to, the Settlement Funds. Each Class Member that has not excluded itself from the Class will be eligible to receive a settlement check(s) from the Claims Administrator based on the Allocation Procedures developed by Class Counsel, which are subject to final approval by the Court as fair and reasonable and whose administration is under the oversight of the Special Master.

What Are My Options?

YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT. You must file a Claims Form to be eligible to receive a payment under the Settlement. You can submit your Claims Form online at www.PFASWaterSettlement.com, or you can download, complete, and mail your Claims Form to the Claims Administrator at AFFF Public Water System Claims, P.O. Box 4466, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821. The deadline to submit a Claims Form is sixty (60) calendar days after the Effective Date.

Regardless of whether you file a Claims Form or receive any distribution under the Settlement, unless you timely opt out as described below, you will be bound by the Settlement and any judgment or other final disposition related to the Settlement, including the Release set forth in the Settlement Agreement, and will be precluded from pursuing claims against BASF separately if those Claims are within the scope of the Release.

YOU CAN OPT OUT OF THE SETTLEMENT. If you do not wish to be a Class Member and do not want to participate in the Settlement and receive a settlement check, you may exclude yourself, or “opt out” from the Class by completing and submitting a Request for Exclusion. The Request for Exclusion form will be available online and may be submitted electronically; if it is submitted via paper copy it must be served on the Opt Out Administrator no later than October 15, 2024. Requests for Exclusion may be withdrawn at any time before the Final Fairness Hearing.

YOU CAN OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT. Any Class Member that has not successfully excluded itself (“opted out”) may object to the Settlement. Any Class Member that wishes to object to the Settlement or to an award of fees or expenses to Class Counsel must file a written and signed statement designated “Objection” with the Clerk of the Court and provide service on BASF’s Counsel and Class Counsel no later than September 15, 2024. No Class Member who has submitted a Request for Exclusion may object, and any

Objections submitted by any Class Member that later excludes itself shall be deemed withdrawn.

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COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS**

The Court’s Final Fairness Hearing. The Court will hold the Final Fairness Hearing in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, located at 85 Broad Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401, on November 1, 2024. At that time, the Court will determine, among other things, (i) whether the Settlement should be granted final approval as fair, reasonable, and adequate, (ii) whether the Litigation should be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, (iii) whether the Settlement Class should be conclusively certified, (iv) whether Settlement Class Members should be bound by the Release set forth in the Settlement Agreement, (v) the amount of attorneys’ fees and costs to be awarded to Class Counsel, if any, and (vi) the amount of the award to be made to the Class Representatives for their services, if any. The Final Fairness Hearing may be postponed, adjourned, or continued by Order of the Court without further notice to the Class.

How Do I Get More Information? Please visit www.PFASWaterSettlement.com or call toll free **1-855-714-4341**. You may also contact Class Counsel for more information:

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