

PUBLICATION NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION AND SETTLEMENT

The following statement is being issued by the law firm Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC regarding settlement of litigation concerning the Wood River Refinery in the Village of Roxana, Illinois.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the pendency and settlement of a class action entitled *Parko, et al. v. Shell Oil Co., et al.*, No. 3:12-cv-00336-NJR-PMF, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois. The Court has scheduled a settlement approval hearing on December 18, 2017, at 9:30am, in Courtroom 3 of the federal courthouse, located at 750 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, before the Honorable Judge Nancy J. Rosenstengel.

In the *Parko* class action, Plaintiff Jeana Parko alleges on behalf of herself and prospective class members that releases from or related to the operation of the Wood River Refinery located within the Village of Roxana, Illinois, have caused soil and groundwater contamination of neighboring properties and resulted in exposure and property damage to nearby residents. Plaintiff sued Shell Oil Company and Equilon Enterprises, LLC (the "Shell Defendants") and ConocoPhillips Company, WRB Refining LP, ConocoPhillips WRB Partner LLC, and Cenovus GPCO LLC (the "ConocoPhillips Defendants"). All defendants in the *Parko* class action have denied and continue to deny these claims. The Shell Defendants and the ConocoPhillips Defendants have separately reached agreements with Plaintiff to settle the *Parko* class action.

If you own or owned or occupy or occupied real property in the Village of Roxana, Illinois, within the geographical area referred to as the Study Area, as defined by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("IEPA"), at any time between January 1, 1986 and the present, you may have a claim to receive benefits in the proposed class action settlement **and you may be entitled to receive a monetary payment.** The settlement class area is defined as the area enclosed by, and commencing at, the southwest corner of South Central Avenue and Rand Avenue (the "Beginning Point"), extending north along the east side of South Central Avenue to the south side of the alley between First Street and East Tydeman Avenue, then extending east along the south side of the alley to the east side

of South Chaffer Avenue, then extending south to a point due east of the Beginning Point, then extending west to the Beginning Point. A figure depicting the settlement class area is contained in the Class Notice, which you may obtain as described below.

If you believe you are a member of the settlement class, you may visit www.RoxanaClassSettlement.com to review or download a copy of the Class Notice and Claim Form and to request additional information. You may also call or contact Class Counsel at the following address:

Ted N. Gianaris
Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC
One Court Street
Alton, IL 62002
Tel: (618) 259-2222

A copy of the Shell Settlement Agreement, the ConocoPhillips Settlement Agreement, the Class Notice, Claim Form, information on how to object to or be excluded from the Settlement Class, and other important documents and information are also available for inspection or copying at the Court. Details concerning eligibility for payments, as well as your options if you are member of the Settlement Class are contained in these documents.

If you are a member of the Settlement Class and do nothing you will receive no benefits under the settlement, but you will be bound by any final judgment approving the proposed settlement.

For additional information, you may go to www.RoxanaClassSettlement.com or contact the Class Counsel listed above.

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