

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
CIVIL CASE NO. 1:12-cv-00360-MR-DLH**

<b>RALPH O’NEIL STARNES, et al.,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Plaintiffs,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>vs.</b>	)	<b><u>ORDER</u></b>
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<b>A.O. SMITH CORPORATION, et al.,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendants.</b>	)	
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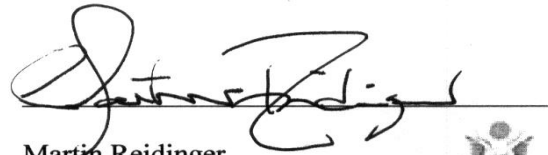
**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the parties’ Joint Motion to Dismiss Defendant McWane, Inc., sued as “successor-in-interest to Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company, Kennedy Valve, Inc., and Kennedy Valve Company” [Doc. 361].

For the reasons stated in the motion, and for cause shown,

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Joint Motion [Doc. 361] is **GRANTED**, and all of the Plaintiffs’ claims against Defendant McWane, Inc., sued as “successor-in-interest to Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company, Kennedy Valve, Inc., and Kennedy Valve Company” are hereby **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: April 9, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Reidinger", written over a horizontal line.

Martin Reidinger  
United States District Judge

