

## NORTH ALABAMA UTILITIES BOARD FILES SUIT OVER PFAS CONTAMINATION

***The Albertville Municipal Utilities Board is seeking justice for the pollution of the Tennessee River Basin, its raw water source, with dangerous chemicals known as PFAS.***

**Montgomery, AL** (April 11, 2024) - The Municipal Utilities Board of the City of Albertville (Albertville MUB) has filed a lawsuit against several major corporations to address the contamination of the Tennessee River Basin water supply with toxic chemicals, including PFAS.

The lawsuit alleges that 3M Company, DuPont, Corteva, and other manufacturing facilities release PFAS directly into the environment, contaminating the Tennessee River Basin, Albertville MUB's raw water source.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, PFAS are widely used, long-lasting chemicals whose components break down very slowly over time. PFAS chemicals are linked to negative health effects, including cancer and decreased birth weight. PFAS cannot be removed from drinking water using conventional technology in the water treatment process.

Albertville MUB provides essential water and sewer services to residential and commercial customers in Marshall County. Due to the Tennessee River Basin contamination, it has suffered substantial economic and consequential damage.

The utilities board is seeking compensation for expenses associated with the future installation and operation of a filtration system capable of removing PFAS from the water, removing or remediating contaminated property and PFAS contamination monitoring.

Currently, the EPA has issued a lifetime health advisory recommending that drinking water should contain less than 0.004 parts per trillion (ppt) PFOA and 0.02 ppt PFOS, which essentially means zero.

"We are seeking financial compensation for Albertville MUB for costs they face as a result of the defendants conduct," said Beasley Allen attorney Rhon Jones. "We are determined to hold these corporations accountable."

Along with Jones, the plaintiffs are represented by Matt Griffith, David Diab, Elliot Bienenfeld, Gavin King, Jeff Price and Elizabeth Weyerman of Beasley, Allen, Methvin, Portis & Miles, PC.

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