

If You Own a House, Mobile Home or Other Structure with Polybutylene Plumbing

Please Read This Notice Carefully. It May Affect Your Legal Rights.

This Notice applies to you if you own a house, mobile home or other structure in the United States that:

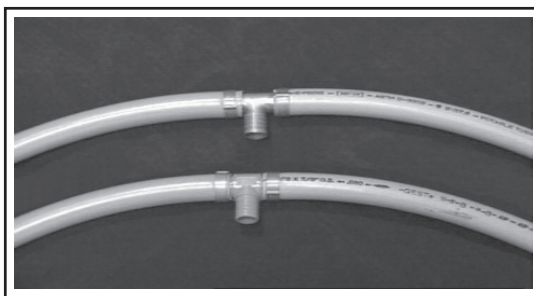
- Contains plumbing composed of polybutylene pipe with plastic or metal insert fittings (“PB plumbing”), and
- The PB plumbing was installed between January 1, 1978 and July 31, 1995.

A \$1.073 billion settlement of a class action lawsuit was entered on November 17, 1995. The lawsuit was brought on behalf of homeowners with PB plumbing. The class action is entitled *Cox v. Shell Oil Company*.

- The Settlement provides relief to Class Members with qualifying leaks in their PB plumbing. This plumbing must meet certain age restrictions as defined in the Notice of Class Action and Settlement. To get a copy of the complete Notice, call the toll-free number or visit the Web site below.
- If you have PB plumbing, you may be entitled to free replacement of your plumbing if it has leaked in the past, or leaks in the future. If you had a leak in your PB plumbing that qualifies, you must complete a Claim Eligibility Form. Filing the claim form will begin the processing of your claim.

This notice is important to you if you purchased your dwelling after August 12, 2002. If you purchased your dwelling after August 12, 2002 you may not have to remain a Class Member. You may have the right to exclude yourself. To exclude yourself, you need to complete, sign and return an Exclusion Request by **December 31, 2005**. Whether you are eligible and how to exclude yourself are outlined in the Notice of Class Action and Settlement available by calling the toll-free number or visiting the Web site below. If you exclude yourself, you will not receive any Settlement benefits and you will not be bound by the terms of the Settlement.

Identifying Polybutylene Pipe



- PB pipe is a non-rigid, sometimes curved, usually gray (or possibly silver or black) plastic pipe used in water supply plumbing systems.
- PB pipe is blue, gray or black when used in the underground service from the water company.
- PB pipe is not used for drains, waste or vent piping.
- PB pipe is not PVC or CPVC, which is a rigid white or off-white plastic pipe.

For more information on your rights under the Settlement, including the Notice of Class Action and Settlement, the Claim Eligibility Form, and the Exclusion Request please consult:

Polybutylene Plumbing Website

www.pbpipe.com

Toll-Free Telephone Information

1-800-392-7591

Write to: **Consumer Plumbing Recovery Center, PO Box 869006, Plano, TX 75086-9006**