

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

If you purchased PVC Pipe in the United States between April 1, 2021, and May 16, 2025, directly from any of the following companies, you may be affected by a class action settlement:

- Atkore, Inc.
- Cantex Inc.
- Diamond Plastics Corporation
- Prime Conduit, Inc.
- Sanderson Pipe Corporation
- Southern Pipe, Inc.
- Ipex USA, LLC
- J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc. d/b/a JM Eagle
- National Pipe & Plastics, Inc.
- PipeLife Jet Stream, Inc.
- Otter Tail Corporation
- Northern Pipe Products, Inc.
- Vinyltech Corporation
- Westlake Corporation
- Westlake Pipe & Fittings Corporation d/b/a North America PVC Pipe Corporation

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- You may be affected by a proposed Settlement in a class action lawsuit called *In re PVC Pipe Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 1:24cv-07639, pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The proposed Settlement is a **partial** Settlement because it includes only one defendant, Oil Price Information Service, LLC (OPIS). The lawsuit is continuing against 15 defendants who have **not** settled, referred to as the Converter Defendants.
- Under the proposed Settlement, OPIS agreed to pay \$3,000,000 to create a Settlement Fund for the benefit of Class Members, in exchange for a release of all claims against OPIS in this lawsuit. OPIS has also agreed to provide cooperation in the continuing lawsuit against the Converter Defendants. The release to OPIS does not include a release of any of the Converter Defendants. The lawsuit is continuing against them.
- The Converter Defendants include the following manufacturers of PVC Pipe: Atkore, Inc., Cantex Inc., Diamond Plastics Corporation, Prime Conduit, Inc., Sanderson Pipe Corporation, Southern Pipe, Inc., IPEX USA, LLC, J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc. d/b/a JM Eagle, National Pipe & Plastics, Inc., PipeLife Jet Stream, Inc., Otter Tail Corporation, Northern Pipe Products, Inc., Vinyltech Corporation, Westlake Corporation and Westlake Pipe & Fittings Corporation d/b/a North America PVC Pipe Corporation.
- “PVC Pipe” refers to polyvinyl chloride pipe, including all PVC pipe and piping products used in plumbing, electrical conduit, and municipal piping systems that are manufactured by combining chlorine and ethylene.
- Payments to eligible Class Members will **not** be distributed at this time. Instead, payments will be combined with any future settlements or recoveries in the continuing lawsuit against the Converter Defendants. Please visit www.x.com for updates.

Questions? Visit www.xxxx.com or call toll-free [1-800-XXX-XXXX](tel:1-800-XXX-XXXX)

- The proposed Settlement relates to a class action lawsuit brought on behalf of **direct** purchasers of PVC Pipe (“Plaintiffs”). This includes all persons or entities that purchased PVC Pipe directly from one or more of the named Converter Defendants. There is also a lawsuit pending in the same Court on behalf of *indirect* purchasers and a separate settlement of those claims. This proposed Settlement applies only to **direct** purchases of PVC Pipe from the Converter Defendants and does **not** apply to *indirect* purchases of PVC Pipe.
- Plaintiffs allege that between April 1, 2021, and May 16, 2025, Defendants engaged in a conspiracy to inflate prices of PVC Pipe in the United States, that Defendants broke the law and as a result Class Members paid more for PVC Pipe than they otherwise would have. The Court has not decided who is right.
- If the Court approves the Settlement, it will resolve claims against OPIS only.
- **Your legal rights will be affected whether or not you act.**
- Your rights and options – **and the deadlines to exercise them** – are explained in this Notice, along with information about the lawsuit and proposed Settlement. Please read the entire Notice carefully.

Your Legal Rights and Options		
DO NOTHING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay in the Settlement Class • If the Court approves the proposed Settlement, you may be eligible for a payment in the future. The Settlement Fund will be combined with future settlements or recoveries in the continuing lawsuit against the Converter Defendants and paid to Class Members at a later time • Give up your right to separately sue or continue to sue OPIS for the claims in this case (See Question x) 	None
GO TO THE COURT’S HEARING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the Court for permission to speak about the fairness of the proposed Settlement (See Question x) 	Month x, 2025
OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay in the Settlement Class, but write to the Court about why you don’t like the proposed Settlement (See Question x) 	Postmarked by Month x, 2025
EXCLUDE YOURSELF (“OPT OUT”)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove yourself from the proposed Settlement • Receive no future payment from the proposed Settlement • Keep your right to separately sue or continue to sue OPIS for the claims in this case (See Question x) 	Postmarked by Month x, 2025

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. Why did I get this Notice?

You received this Notice because you or your company may have purchased PVC Pipe **directly** from one or more of the Converter Defendants between April 1, 2021, and May 16, 2025.

The Court has directed that this Notice be sent to you because, as a possible Class Member, you have the right to know about the proposed Settlement and your rights and options before the Court decides whether to approve the proposed Settlement.

This Notice explains the lawsuit, the proposed partial Settlement, and your legal rights.

U.S. District Judge the Honorable LaShonda A. Hunt of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, Illinois, is the judge overseeing this class action. The case is called *In re PVC Pipe Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 1:24cv-07639. The people who sued are called Plaintiff, and the companies they sued are called Defendants. The only Defendant that has agreed to the proposed Settlement is OPIS. The lawsuit is continuing against the Converter Defendants.

2. What is this lawsuit about?

The lawsuit alleges that Defendants conspired to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the price of PVC Pipe prices between April 1, 2021, and May 16, 2025, and that Class Members paid higher prices for PVC Pipe as a result. The Court has not decided who is right.

Plaintiffs have reached a proposed Settlement with OPIS only. While OPIS does not concede or admit liability for Plaintiffs' allegations, it has agreed to settle this action to avoid the uncertainties and risks of further litigation. The lawsuit is proceeding against the Converter Defendants.

3. Who are the Defendants?

OPIS and the Converter Defendants are collectively called Defendants. OPIS is the only Settling Defendant. The Converter Defendants are: Atkore, Inc., Cantex Inc., Diamond Plastics Corporation, Prime Conduit, Inc., Sanderson Pipe Corporation, Southern Pipe, Inc., IPEX USA, LLC, J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc. d/b/a JM Eagle, National Pipe & Plastics, Inc., PipeLife Jet Stream, Inc., Otter Tail Corporation, Northern Pipe Products, Inc., Vinyltech Corporation, Westlake Corporation and Westlake Pipe & Fittings Corporation d/b/a North America PVC Pipe Corporation.

4. Why is this a class action?

In a class action, one or more individuals or entities called class representative sue on behalf of others who have similar claims, all of whom together are a "class." Individual class members do not have to file a lawsuit to participate in the class action settlement. One court resolves the settlement-related issues for all class members, *except* for those who exclude themselves from the settlement.

5. Why is there a proposed Settlement with OPIS?

The Court did not decide in favor of Plaintiffs or OPIS. Instead, both sides agreed to the proposed Settlement to avoid the cost and risk of continued litigation and a trial. The proposed Settlement does not mean that any law was broken or that OPIS did anything wrong. Plaintiffs and their counsel believe the proposed Settlement is the best result for all Class Members. The lawsuit is continuing against the Converter Defendants.

THE SETTLEMENT CLASS

6. Am I part of the Settlement Class?

You are a Class Member if you or your company purchased PVC Pipes in the United States **directly** from one or more of the Converter Defendants (or from any of the Converter Defendants' parents, predecessors, subsidiaries or affiliates) at any time between April 1, 2021, and May 16, 2025.

Defendants, and their parents, predecessors, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and all federal government entities and instrumentalities of the federal government are excluded from the Settlement Class.

7. I bought PVC Pipe during the timeframe. Am I a Class Member?

Not necessarily. You are only a Class Member if you bought PVC Pipe during the time period **directly** from one of the Converter Defendants.

8. I'm still not sure if I am included.

If you are still not sure if you are a Class Member, please review the detailed case information at www.xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.com. You may also call the Settlement Administrator at [1-xxx-xxx-xxxx](tel:1-xxx-xxx-xxxx).

THE BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

9. What does the proposed Settlement provide?

Under the proposed Settlement, OPIS has agreed to pay **\$3,000,000** in cash (the "Settlement Fund"). The Settlement Fund will be distributed at a later time to eligible Class Members after deducting notice and administration costs (up to \$250,000), and attorneys' fees, expenses and service awards to Plaintiffs, if awarded by the Court.

OPIS will also provide extensive cooperation to Plaintiffs in the continuing lawsuit against the Converter Defendants. Details about the cooperation are in the Settlement Agreement available at www.xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.com.

10. When will I get my payment?

Payments from the Settlement Fund will **not** be sent to Class Members at this time. But if you are a Settlement Class Member and you don't exclude yourself, you will be eligible to receive a payment at a later date. If you exclude yourself from the proposed Settlement, you will **not** be eligible to receive a payment from the proposed Settlement.

11. What am I giving up by staying in the proposed Settlement?

Unless you exclude yourself from the proposed Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against OPIS about the legal and factual issues in this case. All the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you. In other words, if you do nothing, you will **not** be able to sue OPIS in an antitrust lawsuit, because your claim in this case with OPIS will be "released."

The Settlement Agreement provides that OPIS will pay \$3,000,000 and cooperate in the continuing lawsuit against the Converter Defendants in exchange for a release of claims by Class Members against OPIS and its past and present parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, stockholders, and general or limited partners, as well as its past and present respective officers, directors, employees, trustees, insurers, agents, attorneys, and any other representatives (the “Releasees”). The Settlement Agreement, however, does not release any claims relating to or against the Converter Defendants.

Broadly speaking, the Settlement Agreement completely releases, acquits, and forever discharges OPIS and the other Releasees from any and all other claims arising at any time prior to May 16, 2025 that are related to the antitrust claims alleged in *In re PVC Pipe Antitrust Litigation*.

The Settlement Agreement is available at www.xxxxx.com. It fully describes the legal claims that you give up if you do nothing and stay in the Settlement Class.

EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

If you want to keep the right to sue OPIS on your own about the legal issues being resolved in this case, then you **must** take steps to exclude yourself from, or “opt out” of, the proposed Settlement. If you opt out and the Court approves the proposed Settlement, you will **not** receive a payment.

12. How do I get out of the proposed Settlement?

To exclude yourself from or “opt out” of the proposed Settlement, you **must** mail a letter with the following information:

- A statement indicating that you want to be excluded from the proposed Settlement in *In re PVC Pipe Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 1:24cv-07639; and
- The name (including any formerly known names, doing business as names, etc.), address, telephone number, and signature of the person or entity seeking exclusion.

Exclusion requests can only be made by an individual or individual entity on behalf of themselves (and subsidiaries) and personally signed by each individual person or entity requesting exclusion.

Your exclusion letter must be postmarked by **Month x, 2025** and mailed to:

PVC Pipe Direct Purchaser Settlement – EXCLUSIONS
c/o JND Legal Administration
PO Box **xxxx**
Seattle, WA 98111

If you ask to be excluded from the proposed Settlement, you will not get any future payment from the proposed Settlement, and you cannot object to the proposed Settlement.

If you do not request to be excluded from the proposed Settlement and the proposed Settlement is approved by the Court, you may be entitled to a future payment from the Settlement Fund. If you have a pending lawsuit against OPIS involving the same legal issues in this case, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately. You must exclude yourself from the proposed Settlement in order to bring your own antitrust lawsuit against OPIS.

13. If I exclude myself, can I get money from the proposed Settlement?

No. If you exclude yourself from, or “opt out” of, the proposed Settlement, you will **not** be able to get money from the proposed Settlement.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

14. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

Yes. The Court has appointed the law firm of Kaplan Fox & Kilsheimer LLP (“Interim Lead Counsel”) to represent the Settlement Class on an interim basis and for purposes of the proposed Settlement. If you want your own lawyer to represent you and appear in Court for you concerning the proposed Settlement, you may hire one at your own expense. If you wish to exclude yourself from the proposed Settlement and pursue your own lawsuit against OPIS, you may need to hire your own lawyer.

15. How will the lawyers be paid?

You are not personally responsible for any payment of attorneys’ fees or for reimbursement of expenses incurred or paid by Interim Lead Counsel. Interim Lead Counsel is not asking at this time to be paid from the Settlement Fund. At a later date, likely in conjunction with other possible settlements, Interim Lead Counsel will ask the Court to approve a payment from the Settlement Fund for fees, reimbursement of expenses and a service award for the named Plaintiff. You will be provided notice of such request and given an opportunity to object to such request.

OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

16. How do I tell the Court that I don’t like the proposed Settlement?

If you stay in the Settlement Class, you can object to the proposed Settlement if you do not like any part of it. The Court will consider your views, but the proposed Settlement may still be approved in spite of your objection.

To object, you **must** mail a letter that includes the following:

- A statement indicating that you object to the proposed Settlement in *In re PVC Pipe Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 1:24cv-07639;
- The name (including any formerly known names, doing business as names, etc.), address, telephone number, and signature of the person filing the objection (or their counsel’s signature);
- The reasons you object, and any legal authority;
- The names of the attorneys that represent you, if any;
- Proof of your membership in the Settlement Class, such as invoice showing that you purchased PVC Pipe directly from one or more Converter Defendants between April 1, 2021, and May 16, 2025, or otherwise satisfy the definition in answer to **Question x**; and
- A statement of whether you or your counsel intend to appear at the Fairness Hearing, and the identity of any witness that you will call to testify in support of your objection.

You **must** mail your objection postmarked by **Month x, 2025**, to:

The Court:	Interim Lead Counsel:	OPIS Counsel:
Clerk of Court United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse 219 South Dearborn Street Chicago, IL 60604	Robert N. Kaplan KAPLAN FOX & KILSHEIMER LLP 800 Third Avenue, 38th Floor New York, New York 10022	Brian O'Bleness DENTONS US LLP 1900 K. Street NW Washington, D.C. 20006 Natalie J. Spears DENTONS US LLP 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 5900 Chicago, Illinois 60606

17. What's the difference between objecting and excluding?

“Objecting” is simply telling the Court that you do not like something about the proposed Settlement. You can object only if you don’t exclude yourself from the Settlement Class. “Excluding” yourself means that you are removing yourself from the Settlement Class and you will **not** receive a future payment from the Settlement Fund. If you exclude yourself from or “opt out” of the Settlement Class, you have no right to object to the proposed Settlement because it no longer affects you.

THE COURT’S FAIRNESS HEARING

The Court will hold a fairness hearing to decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement. You may, but need not, attend the hearing. If you do attend the hearing, you may ask the Court’s permission to speak (see Question x), but you do not have to participate.

18. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement?

The Court will hold a Fairness Hearing at x:xx x.m. CT on **Month x, 2025**, at the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604, Courtroom #x. The hearing may be moved to a different date or time without additional notice, so check www.xxxx.com before making travel plans. At the hearing, the Court will consider whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Court will listen to Class Members who have asked to speak at the hearing. If there are objections or comments, the Court will consider them at that time. After the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement. We do not know how long the Court will take to decide.

19. Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. Interim Lead Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. However, you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection to the proposed Settlement, you do not have to come to the Fairness Hearing to explain it. As long as you mail your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend and speak (or not) at the hearing on your behalf, but it is not required.

20. May I speak at the hearing?

Yes. If you did not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you may ask the Court for permission for you or your own attorney to speak at the Fairness Hearing, at your own expense. To do so, you must send a letter stating the following:

- “Notice of Intention to Appear *In re PVC Pipe Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 1:24cv-07639;”
- The position you will take at the hearing and the reasons for your position;
- Your name, address, telephone number, and your signature; and
- Proof of your membership in the Settlement Class, such as invoices showing that you directly purchased PVC Pipe from one or more Converter Defendants between April 1, 2021, and May 16, 2025, or proof that otherwise satisfies the definition in Question x.

Your Notice of Intention to Appear must be postmarked by **Month x, 2025**, and mailed to:

The Court:	Interim Lead Counsel:	OPIS Counsel:
Clerk of Court United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse 219 South Dearborn Street Chicago, IL 60604	Robert N. Kaplan KAPLAN FOX & KILSHEIMER LLP 800 Third Avenue, 38th Floor New York, New York 10022	Brian O’Bleness DENTONS US LLP 1900 K. Street NW Washington, D.C. 20006 Natalie J. Spears DENTONS US LLP 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 5900 Chicago, Illinois 60606

IF YOU DO NOTHING

21. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you will remain a Settlement Class Member and be eligible to get a future payment from the proposed Settlement (if approved by the Court), as well as payments from future settlements or recoveries in the continuing lawsuit against Converter Defendants.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

22. How do I get more information?

This Notice summarizes the proposed Settlement. For more detailed information, visit **www.xxxx.com** or call **1-xxx-xxx-xxxx**.

DATED: **Month x, 2025**

The Honorable LaShonda A. Hunt

Summary Notices for Digital Campaign

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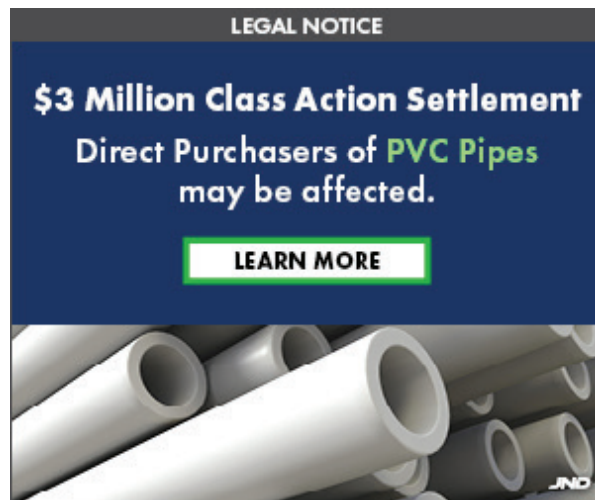
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Banner Ad - 300 x 250




Banner Ad - 320 x 50



Summary Notices for Digital Campaign

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