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The Honorable Barbara J. Rothstein

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

IN RE: PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE  
(PPA) PRODUCTS LIABILITY  
LITIGATION,

MDL NO. 1407

ORDER TO STAY  
RE: HURRICANE KATRINA

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This document relates to all  
actions

Inasmuch as many of the cases in MDL 1407 come from jurisdic-  
tions in Mississippi, Louisiana or Alabama, and inasmuch as these  
states have been severely affected by Hurricane Katrina, which  
touched down in the early morning hours of Monday, August 29,  
2005, the court has been unable to effect service of pleadings to  
attorneys in some cases through the Electronic Case Management  
system ("ECF"), due to the fact that many servers are down in the  
affected regions.

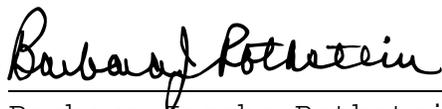
The court also understands that mail service is on hold in  
certain areas. Therefore, the court finds that service, either

1 through ECF, or by regular mail, would be ineffective at this time  
2 on at least some parties in affected regions.

3 The court is unable to contact attorneys in the relevant  
4 areas, or even to determine with particularity which cases in MDL  
5 1407 are affected.

6 As an emergency measure, the court hereby orders a temporary  
7 stay, not to exceed 14 days, of activity, including service of  
8 pleadings, in all cases from transferor jurisdictions in Missis-  
9 sippi, Louisiana or Alabama. The stay shall run from Monday,  
10 August 29, 2005, through Monday, September 12, 2005. The court  
11 makes this ruling *sua sponte*, and intends to hold a telephonic  
12 conference with liaison counsel in the very near future to  
13 determine the best course of action.  
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15 SO ORDERED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.  
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