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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE**

ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT,
CITY OF ANAHEIM, EAST ORANGE
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, CITY OF
FULLERTON, CITY OF GARDEN GROVE,
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT, CITY
OF ORANGE, CITY OF SANTA ANA,
SERRANO WATER DISTRICT, CITY OF
TUSTIN, AND YORBA LINDA WATER
DISTRICT,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

3M COMPANY, E. I. DU PONT DE
NEMOURS AND COMPANY, THE
CHEMOURS COMPANY, CORTEVA, INC.,
DUPONT DE NEMOURS, INC.; DECRA
ROOFING SYSTEMS, INC.; AND DOE
DEFENDANTS 1-100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 30-2020-01172419-CU-PL-CXC

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND
OTHER RELIEF AND DEMAND FOR JURY
TRIAL:

(1-2) STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY
(DESIGN DEFECT);
(3-4) STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY
(FAILURE TO WARN);
(5-6) TRESPASS;
(7-8) PUBLIC AND PRIVATE NUISANCE;
(9-10) NEGLIGENCE;
(11-12) OCWD ACT;
(13) DECLARATORY RELIEF; AND
(14-17) FRAUDULENT AND VOIDABLE
TRANSFER

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

1 Plaintiffs ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, CITY OF ANAHEIM, EAST
2 ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, CITY OF FULLERTON, CITY OF GARDEN
3 GROVE, IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT, CITY OF ORANGE, CITY OF SANTA ANA,
4 SERRANO WATER DISTRICT, CITY OF TUSTIN, AND YORBA LINDA WATER
5 DISTRICT hereby allege, based on information and belief and investigation of counsel:

6 **SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

7 1. Plaintiff Orange County Water District (“OCWD”) is a special water district that
8 was formed by the California Legislature in 1933 and is charged with managing the Orange County
9 Groundwater Basin (“Basin”), which is a groundwater aquifer underlying portions of central and
10 northern Orange County, California. OCWD manages three of Southern California’s greatest water
11 supplies: the Santa Ana River, the Basin, and the Groundwater Replenishment System (“GWRS”).
12 OCWD captures surface water from the Santa Ana River, then recharges the captured flows into
13 the Basin. The GWRS treats wastewater that OCWD obtains from the Orange County Sanitation
14 District, then recharges the treated flows into the Basin. OCWD possesses rights to draw water
15 from, and valuable rights to, inter alia, recharge and store water in, one or more contaminated local
16 aquifers, including, but not limited to, aquifers within the Basin. The District has legally protected
17 interests in the groundwater at issue in this Complaint, and in recharge and storage capacity in the
18 contaminated aquifers. OCWD maintains an appropriative right to reclaim or re-appropriate water
19 it has recharged into the Basin. OCWD works to ensure a reliable supply of high-quality water for
20 more than 2.5 million residents in northern and central Orange County, while protecting
21 environmental habitats and natural resources.

22 2. Plaintiffs City of Anaheim, East Orange County Water District, City of Fullerton,
23 City of Garden Grove, Irvine Ranch Water District, City of Orange, City of Santa Ana, Serrano
24 Water District, City of Tustin, and Yorba Linda Water District (the “Producers”) are municipal
25 corporations and special districts that own and operate public water systems that provide drinking
26 water to residents and businesses within their respective service areas. Collectively, the Producers
27 and OCWD are referred to as the “Plaintiffs.”

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1 3. Plaintiffs bring this action in order to address widespread contamination of surface
2 water and groundwater within the Basin with the synthetic per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances
3 (“PFAS”) perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (“PFOS”) and perfluorooctanoic acid (“PFOA”), to
4 recover costs associated with the contamination of drinking water, surface water and groundwater
5 with PFOS and PFOA, and further seek abatement of the ongoing nuisance these chemicals
6 constitute in the environment, and for such other action as is necessary to ensure that the PFOA
7 and PFOS that contaminate the surface water and aquifers supplying source drinking water for
8 OCWD and the Producers do not present a risk to the public. In this Complaint, the terms PFOS
9 and PFOA are intended to include those compounds themselves (including all of their salts and
10 ionic states as well as the acid forms of the molecules) and their chemical precursors.

11 4. PFOA and PFOS are persistent, toxic, and bioaccumulative compounds when
12 released into the environment. PFOA and PFOS have impacted surface water and groundwater,
13 and now contaminate the water pumped from the Producers’ water supply wells. Because of the
14 risks that PFOA and PFOS pose to human health, the State of California regulates PFOA and PFOS
15 in drinking water at very low levels. The State of California has established notification levels for
16 PFOS and PFOA at 6.5 parts per trillion (“ppt”) and 5.1 ppt respectively, and response levels for
17 PFOS and PFOA at 40 ppt and 10 ppt respectively.

18 5. Defendants 3M Company (f/k/a Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company)
19 (“3M”) and E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (“Old DuPont”) (together 3M and Old DuPont
20 are referred to as the “Manufacturing Defendants”) are major chemical companies that
21 manufactured PFOS and/or PFOA and knew or reasonably should have known that these harmful
22 compounds would reach groundwater, pollute drinking water supplies, render drinking water
23 unusable and unsafe, and threaten the public health and welfare.

24 6. Defendant 3M also operates a manufacturing facility at 18750 Minnesota Road,
25 Corona, California (“3M Corona Facility”), which occupies approximately 1,300 acres of land in
26 the Temescal Canyon and, upon information and belief, is a source of PFOS and/or PFOA that has
27 impacted the Santa Ana River and the Basin. According to its website, 3M acquired the Corona
28 site from the Blue Diamond Company in 1941, commenced its own manufacturing activities at

1 that site in 1948, and produces specialty roofing granules to the asphalt and metal roofing shingle
2 industries. Plaintiffs believe that 3M has owned and operated the 3M Corona Facility continuously
3 at all times since acquiring it. Plaintiffs also believe that 3M's operations at the 3M Corona Facility
4 have included the manufacture and/or use of PFOS/PFOA and/or their precursors.

5 7. Defendant DECRA Roofing Systems, Inc. ("DECRA") is a California corporation
6 that caused and/or contributed to the PFOS and/or PFOA contamination as further described
7 below, and knew or reasonably should have known that these harmful compounds would reach
8 groundwater, pollute drinking water supplies, render drinking water unusable and unsafe, and
9 threaten the public health and welfare. Upon information and belief Defendant DECRA maintains
10 a manufacturing facility at 1230 Railroad Street, Corona, California 92882 and a warehousing,
11 shipping, and receiving facility at an adjacent property at 235 N. Sherman Avenue, Corona,
12 California 92882 (together "DECRA Corona Facilities"). Upon information and belief Defendant
13 DECRA purchases specialty roofing granules from the 3M Corona Facility and then incorporates
14 those 3M specialty roofing granules, which include PFAS ingredients, into its roofing products
15 ("DECRA Roofing Products") that are manufactured and warehoused at, then shipped from the
16 DECRA Corona Facilities to customers throughout Plaintiffs' respective service areas. Based on
17 DECRA's participation in 3M's manufacturing chain of commerce and distribution, it is also
18 strictly liable for the damages Plaintiffs' seek.

19 8. Plaintiffs file this lawsuit to seek abatement of an ongoing nuisance, to recover
20 compensatory and all other damages and relief, including all necessary funds to compensate
21 Plaintiffs for the costs of investigating and remediating the contamination of surface water and
22 groundwater impacted by PFOA and PFOS, designing, constructing, installing, operating, and
23 maintaining the treatment facilities and equipment required to remove PFOA and PFOS from
24 public water supplies, and for such other damages and relief the Court may order.

25 9. In addition, Plaintiffs assert claims under the former Uniform Fraudulent Transfer
26 Act, formerly California Civil Code Section 3439, *et seq.* ("UFTA") and the superseding Uniform
27 Voidable Transactions Act, California Civil Code Section 3439, *et seq.* ("UVTA"), based on a web
28 of transactions that Old DuPont orchestrated to shield significant assets from the Plaintiffs and

1 other creditors.

2 10. A principal purpose of this lawsuit is to hold Defendants liable for the costs the
3 Plaintiffs have incurred, and expect to incur, to clean up the groundwater contamination in the
4 Basin caused by the following: (i) the disposal and release of pollutants from the 3M Corona
5 Facility that have directly impacted water quality in the Basin, and (ii) PFAS-containing products
6 manufactured by the Manufacturing Defendants which were introduced into the stream of
7 commerce. Such costs include all necessary funds to investigate, monitor, assess, evaluate,
8 remediate, abate, or contain contamination of groundwater resources within the Basin that are
9 polluted with PFAS. OCWD also seeks to safeguard the quality of the public water resources in
10 the Basin; to prevent pollution or contamination of water supplies; and to assure that the
11 responsible parties – rather than the OCWD, Producers, or taxpayers – bear the cost of responding
12 to and remediating contamination.

13 11. Old DuPont has known for decades that it faces unprecedented liabilities for
14 widespread PFAS contamination throughout the country, including, but not limited to, damage to
15 public water systems, drinking water sources, and other natural resources. Despite this knowledge,
16 Old DuPont has sought, and continues to seek, however possible, to prevent injured public water
17 systems like those that Plaintiffs own and operate from being able to recover on their eventual
18 judgments.

19 12. Old DuPont has sought to limit its PFAS liability by engaging in a series of complex
20 restructuring transactions, including, but not limited to (i) the “spinoff” of its performance
21 chemicals business (which included Teflon and other products, the manufacture of which involved
22 the use of PFOA and other PFAS) into defendant Chemours; (ii) a purported merger with The Dow
23 Chemical Company (“Old Dow”); (iii) the transfer of Old DuPont’s historic assets to other entities,
24 including defendant DuPont de Nemours Inc. (“New DuPont”); and (iv) ultimately, the spin-off of
25 Old DuPont to a new parent company named Corteva, Inc. These transactions were all designed
26 to shield billions of dollars in assets from the PFAS liabilities that Old DuPont tried to isolate in
27 Chemours.

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1 13. Old DuPont also sought to hide critical details of these transactions by burying them
2 in non-public schedules to agreements in an attempt to keep the parties such as Plaintiffs in the
3 dark. As a result, Old DuPont has shed more than \$20 billion in tangible assets through
4 restructuring efforts and attempted to put those assets outside of Plaintiffs' reach. This is the exact
5 type of scheme that the UFTA and UVTA are designed to prevent and/or unwind.

6 **THE PARTIES**

7 14. Plaintiff Orange County Water District is a special water district with its principal
8 place of business at 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California, 92708. OCWD was formed
9 by the California Legislature in 1933 to, among other things, maintain, protect, replenish, and
10 manage the Basin and associated water resources and infrastructure. The Basin provides a water
11 supply to nineteen municipal water agencies and special districts that serve more than 2.5 million
12 Orange County residents. The Producers own and maintain systems that supply water, much of
13 which is extracted by the Producers from the Basin, directly to their customers with certain
14 assistance and oversight from OCWD.

15 15. Under its enabling legislation, OCWD has the power to “[t]ransport, reclaim,
16 purify, treat, inject, extract, or otherwise manage and control water for the beneficial use of persons
17 or property within the district and protect the quality of groundwater supplies within the district.”
18 OCWD Act § 2, subd. (6)(j).) In furtherance of these goals, OCWD may “commence, maintain,
19 intervene in, defend, and compromise . . . any and all actions and proceedings . . . to prevent . . .
20 diminution of the quantity or pollution or contamination of the water supply of the district.” (*Id.*
21 at subd. (9).)

22 16. The Legislature expressly granted OCWD the right and duty, among other things,
23 to conduct any investigations of the quality of the groundwater within the Basin to determine
24 whether that water is contaminated or polluted, to perform any necessary investigation, cleanup,
25 abatement, or remedial work to prevent, abate, or contain any threatened or existing contamination
26 or pollution of the surface or groundwater within its territorial jurisdiction, and to recover the costs
27 of any such activities from the persons responsible for the contamination or threatened
28 contamination. (OCWD Act § 8.)

1 17. The Legislature also expressly granted OCWD the right and duty, among other
2 things, to litigate in order to protect groundwater resources and to represent the rights of water
3 users within its territorial jurisdiction. (OCWD Act § 2.) OCWD has protectable legal interests in
4 the surface water and groundwater within its territorial jurisdiction, including the right to extract
5 and appropriate surface water and groundwater, replenish the Basin, and to recover the costs of
6 performing these services from anyone who contaminates surface and groundwater in OCWD's
7 territorial jurisdiction.

8 18. OCWD has protectable legal interests in the groundwater within the Basin,
9 including the right to extract groundwater, replenish the aquifer, and to recover the costs of
10 performing these services from anyone who appropriates groundwater in OCWD's service area.

11 19. Specifically, OCWD has (i) invested in the GWRS and recharges up to 100 million
12 gallons of water per day into the Basin; (ii) acquired and initiated litigation to establish and protect
13 water rights to well over one hundred thousand acre feet of water per year; (iii) purchased tens of
14 thousands of acre feet of water per year from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern
15 California ("MWD"); (iv) stored and delivered water under contract for a fee charged to the
16 MWD; and (v) recharged and stored in the Basin the water it has acquired, reclaimed, and recycled.

17 20. OCWD is the exclusive owner of water rights, including water rights set forth in
18 Permit 21243 issued by the California State Water Resources Control Board on or about June 30,
19 2009, which permit allows the District to appropriate up to 362,000 acre feet per year from the
20 Santa Ana River for underground storage and/or surface storage for municipal, industrial, and other
21 beneficial uses and designates the place of use of that water as anywhere "within the Area
22 overlying the Orange County Groundwater Basin."

23 21. By storing water in the Basin, for itself and under contract, OCWD does not intend
24 to abandon it. OCWD intends that the water recharged into the Basin will be recaptured for further
25 beneficial use solely by authorized users (who pay the OCWD a replenishment fee for each acre-
26 foot of water extracted) and buyers for authorized uses, and intends to retain the right to prevent
27 contamination, unauthorized extractions, or other interference with the water while it is stored in
28 the Basin. In addition, the District intends that the water in the Basin be used to augment and

1 preserve groundwater levels necessary to maintain the Basin as a long-term water source.

2 22. OCWD is also the fee owner, lease holder, and/or easement holder of real property
3 contaminated with PFAS throughout the Basin and outside the Basin including, but not limited to,
4 approximately six miles of the Santa Ana River, land and mineral rights in the cities of Anaheim,
5 Orange, Yorba Linda and elsewhere.

6 23. OCWD has conducted, and will continue to conduct, investigations of the quality
7 of the groundwater within the Basin, to perform any necessary investigation, cleanup, abatement,
8 or remedial work to prevent, abate, or contain any threatened or existing contamination or pollution
9 of the surface water or groundwater within its territorial jurisdiction; to further delineate the
10 contamination within the Basin; to design and implement remedial systems to clean up the
11 contamination; to acquire access and property rights necessary to install wells and other equipment
12 to extract and convey the contaminated water; to construct treatment systems to remove the
13 contaminants; and to operate and maintain those extraction and treatment systems until the cleanup
14 is complete. OCWD seeks to protect the surface water and groundwater resources from the threat
15 of further pollution by taking response actions aimed at stopping the horizontal and vertical
16 migration of and remediating the contaminants.

17 24. Plaintiff City of Anaheim is a municipal corporation organized and existing under
18 the Constitution and laws of the State of California, with its primary address at 200 South Anaheim
19 Boulevard, Anaheim, California 92805. Anaheim owns, operates, and maintains a public water
20 system with over 64,000 connections. One or more of Anaheim's potable water wells have
21 exceeded regulatory limits for PFOS and/or PFOA. For purposes of this Complaint, relevant
22 regulatory limits include the notification and reference levels governed by the State Water
23 Resources Control Board, Order DW 2020-0003-DDW.

24 25. Plaintiff East Orange County Water District ("EOCWD") is a special water district
25 that was established in 1961 serving Central Orange County, California with its primary address
26 at 185 North McPherson Road, Orange, California 92869. EOCWD owns, operates, and maintains
27 a public water system with over 1,200 connections. One or more of EOCWD's potable water wells
28 have exceeded the regulatory limits for PFOS and/or PFOA.

1 26. Plaintiff City of Fullerton is a municipal corporation organized and existing under
2 the Constitution and laws of the State of California, with its primary address at 303 Commonwealth
3 Avenue, Fullerton, California 92832. Fullerton owns, operates, and maintains a public water
4 system with approximately 32,000 connections. One or more of Fullerton's potable water wells
5 have exceeded regulatory limits for PFOS and/or PFOA.

6 27. Plaintiff City of Garden Grove is a municipal corporation organized and existing
7 under the Constitution and laws of the State of California, with its primary address at 11222 Acacia
8 Parkway, Garden Grove, California 92840. Garden Grove owns, operates, and maintains a public
9 water system with over 34,000 connections. One or more of Garden Grove potable water wells
10 have exceeded regulatory limits for PFOS and/or PFOA.

11 28. Plaintiff Irvine Ranch Water District ("IRWD") is a California Water District that
12 was established in 1961 serving Central Orange County, California with a primary address at
13 15600 Sand Canyon Ave, Irvine, California 92618. IRWD owns, operates, and maintains a public
14 water system with over 115,000 connections. One or more of IRWD's potable water wells have
15 exceeded regulatory limits for PFOS and/or PFOA.

16 29. Plaintiff City of Orange is a municipal corporation organized and existing under
17 the Constitution and laws of the State of California, with its primary address at 300 East Chapman
18 Avenue, Orange, California 92866. Orange owns, operates, and maintains a public water system
19 with over 36,000 connections. One or more of Orange's potable water wells have exceeded
20 regulatory limits for PFOS and/or PFOA.

21 30. Plaintiff City of Santa Ana is a municipal corporation organized and existing under
22 the Constitution and laws of the State of California, with its primary address at 20 Civic Center
23 Plaza, Santa Ana, California 92701. Santa Ana owns, operates, and maintains a public water
24 system with approximately 45,000 connections. One or more of Santa Ana's potable water wells
25 have exceeded regulatory limits for PFOS and/or PFOA.

26 31. Plaintiff Serrano Water District ("Serrano") is a special water district that was
27 established in 1876 and provides potable water to the City of Villa Park and a small portion of the
28 City of Orange. Serrano has a primary address at 18021 Lincoln Street, Villa Park, California

1 92861 and owns, operates, and maintains a public water system with over 2,200 connections. One
2 or more of Serrano's potable water wells have exceeded regulatory limits for PFOS and/or PFOA.

3 32. Plaintiff City of Tustin is a municipal corporation organized and existing under the
4 Constitution and laws of the State of California, with its primary address at 300 Centennial Way,
5 Tustin, California 92780. Tustin owns, operates, and maintains a public water system with over
6 14,000 connections. One or more of Tustin's potable water wells have exceeded regulatory limits
7 for PFOS and/or PFOA.

8 33. Plaintiff Yorba Linda Water District ("YLWD") is a special water district that
9 serves residents of Yorba Linda and portions of Placentia, Brea, Anaheim, and areas of
10 unincorporated Orange County. Its primary address is 1717 East Miraloma Avenue, Placentia,
11 California 92870. YLWD owns, operates, and maintains a public water system with over 25,383
12 connections. One or more of YLWD's potable water wells have exceeded regulatory limits for
13 PFOS and/or PFOA.

14 34. Each of the Producers are fee owners, lease holders, and/or easement holders of
15 real and personal property contaminated with PFAS, including but not limited to, fee, lease and/or
16 easement interests in real property where public water supply extraction wells, distribution
17 systems, and reservoirs are located.

18 35. Defendant 3M Company ("3M") is a corporation organized and existing under the
19 laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 3M Center, St. Paul,
20 Minnesota 55133.

21 36. 3M also operates a facility in Corona, California ("3M Corona Facility"), which
22 occupies 1,300 acres of land in the Temescal Canyon. According to its website, 3M acquired the
23 3M Corona Facility in 1941 and began manufacturing there in 1948. Based on information and
24 belief, 3M has additional facilities in Irvine, California; Monrovia, California; and Northridge,
25 California.

26 37. 3M does business throughout the United States, including conducting business in
27 California, and is registered to do business in California.

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1 38. Defendant E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (“Old DuPont”) is a corporation
2 duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business located
3 at 974 Centre Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19805.

4 39. Old DuPont has done business throughout the United States, including conducting
5 business in California, and is registered to do business in California.

6 40. Defendant The Chemours Company (“Chemours”) is a corporation duly organized
7 under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business located at 1007 Market
8 Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19899. Chemours was a wholly owned subsidiary of Old DuPont.
9 In July 2015, Old DuPont completed its spin-off of Chemours as a separate publicly-traded entity.
10 In connection with the spin-off, Chemours assumed direct liability for DuPont’s decades long
11 history of causing widespread PFAS contamination in California, around the country and indeed
12 the world.

13 41. Chemours does business throughout the United States, including conducting
14 business in California, and is registered to do business in California.

15 42. Defendant DuPont de Nemours, Inc., formerly known as DowDuPont Inc. (“New
16 DuPont”) is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal
17 place of business at 974 Centre Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19805.

18 43. New DuPont does business throughout the United States, including conducting
19 business in California.

20 44. Defendant Corteva, Inc. (“Corteva”) is a corporation duly organized under the laws
21 of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business located at P.O. Box 80735, Chestnut
22 Run Plaza 735, Wilmington, Delaware 19805.

23 45. Corteva does business throughout the United States, including conducting business
24 in California, and is registered to do business in California.

25 46. Defendant DECRA Roofing Systems, Inc. (“DECRA”) is a corporation duly
26 organized under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business located at
27 1230 Railroad Street, Corona, California 92882. Based on information and belief, in addition to
28 maintaining its principal place of business at the same address, Defendant DECRA also maintains

1 a manufacturing facility at 1230 Railroad Street, Corona, California 92882, as well as a
2 warehousing, shipping, and receiving facility at an adjacent property at 235 N. Sherman Avenue,
3 Corona, California 92882.

4 47. Based on information and belief, Defendant DECRA engaged in business with 3M
5 to order, purchase, and/or otherwise obtain specialty roofing granules manufactured at the 3M
6 Corona Facility, for the DECRA Roofing Products containing PFOA and PFOS to be installed in
7 homes and structures and/or eventually discarded in or around the Basin. Runoff from Decra's
8 Roofing Products contain PFOS and/or PFOA and the disposal of its Roofing Products have caused
9 and/or contributed to the PFOA and PFOS contamination in Plaintiffs' drinking water supplies and
10 the damages Plaintiffs seek.

11 48. Defendant DECRA states on its website that "[w]e use only 3M granules and they
12 do have a small amount of mineral oil on them," as well as "water run-off from DECRA roofs
13 meets the World Health Organization Standards testing [for drinking water]."
14 (<https://www.decra.com/faqs#:~:text=We%20use%20only%203M%20granules,not%20affect%20water%20run%2Doff.&text=Yes%2C%20the%20water%20run%2Doff,World%20Health%20Organization%20Standards%20testing>,
15 [last accessed Oct. 28, 2020](https://www.decra.com/faqs#:~:text=We%20use%20only%203M%20granules,not%20affect%20water%20run%2Doff.&text=Yes%2C%20the%20water%20run%2Doff,World%20Health%20Organization%20Standards%20testing)). DECRA therefore
16 participates in the chain of distribution and stream of commerce of roofing materials containing
17 PFOA and PFOS.

18 49. According to Defendant 3M's website, "3M produces the granules, but it's the
19 shingle manufacturers who create the shingles that you see on homes and commercial buildings
20 across the country. 3M is honored to partner with multiple shingle manufacturers across the
21 country, allowing us to provide hundreds of shingle options so that homeowners are certain to find
22 a shingle to suit their home. Check out our manufacturers' websites below to learn more about the
23 vast number of shingle and roofing options available! Manufacturers using 3M granules: [...] Atlas."
24 (https://www.3m.com/3M/en_US/roofing-granules-us/resources/, last accessed October
25 14, 2020).

26 50. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege that, at all relevant
27 times, the true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, or otherwise, of DOE
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1 Defendants 1 through 100, inclusive, were unknown to Plaintiffs at the time of original filing of
2 the underlying complaint in this action and, therefore sues said Defendants by fictitious names.

3 51. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege that, at all relevant
4 times, the true names or capacities, whether individual, corporate, otherwise, of DOE Defendants
5 1 through 100, inclusive, remain unknown to Plaintiffs and, therefore Plaintiffs sue said
6 Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege
7 that each of the Defendants designated herein by fictitious names is in some manner legally
8 responsible for the events and happenings herein referred to and caused the damages proximately
9 and foreseeably to Plaintiffs as alleged herein.

10 52. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege that, at all relevant
11 times, all of said Defendants herein, including the named Defendants, and DOE Defendants 1
12 through 100, inclusive, are collectively referred herein as “Defendants,” “Manufacturing
13 Defendants,” and/or Defendant DECRA and all acts and omissions of said Defendants were
14 undertaken by each of the Defendants and said Defendants’ agents, servants, employees, and/or
15 owners, acting in the course and scope of its respective agencies, services, employments, and/or
16 ownerships.

17 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

18 53. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure
19 sections 187, 1060, 1085, and the California Water Code Appendix 40-1 *et seq.* (the “Orange
20 County Water District Act” or “OCWD Act”).

21 54. Venue is proper in this Court because the Plaintiffs are all located in Orange County
22 and the violations of law alleged herein occurred in Orange County.

23 55. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege that, at all relevant
24 times, the Manufacturing Defendants engaged in and were authorized to do business in the state
25 of California.

26 56. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege that, at all relevant
27 times, the Manufacturing Defendants have engaged in substantial, continuous economic activity
28 in California, including the business of researching, designing, formulating, handling, disposing,

1 manufacturing, labeling, using, testing, distributing, promoting, marketing, selling, and/or
2 otherwise being responsible for PFOS, PFOA, and/or products that contain PFOS and/or PFOA,
3 and that said activity by the Manufacturing Defendants is substantially connected to the Plaintiffs'
4 claims as alleged herein.

5 57. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege that, at all relevant
6 times, one or more of the Manufacturing Defendants named by Plaintiffs is a California
7 corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, and/or has its principal place of
8 business in this State, and was an integral part of the business of researching, designing,
9 formulating, handling, disposing, manufacturing, labeling, using, testing, distributing, promoting,
10 marketing, selling, and/or otherwise being responsible for PFOS, PFOA, and/or products that
11 contain PFOS and/or PFOA, and that said activity is substantially connected to the Plaintiffs'
12 claims as alleged herein.

13 58. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege that, at all relevant
14 times, one or more of the Defendants named by Plaintiffs are California corporations incorporated
15 under the laws of the State of California, and/or have their principal places of business in this State,
16 and were in the business of researching, designing, formulating, handling, disposing,
17 manufacturing, labeling, using, testing, distributing, promoting, marketing, selling, and/or
18 otherwise being responsible for PFOS, PFOA, and/or products that contain PFOS and/or PFOA,
19 and that said activity is substantially connected to the Plaintiffs' claims as alleged herein.

20 59. Based on information and belief, the Manufacturing Defendants purposefully
21 affiliated themselves with the forum of the State of California giving rise to the underlying
22 controversy. Such purposeful availment and activities within and related to the State of California
23 are believed to include, but are not limited to, 1) the Manufacturing Defendants' contractual
24 relationships with the entities giving rise to researching, designing, formulating, handling,
25 disposing, manufacturing, labeling, using, testing, distributing, promoting, marketing, selling,
26 and/or otherwise being responsible for PFOS, PFOA, and/or products that contain PFOS and/or
27 PFOA, and that said activity is substantially connected to the Plaintiffs' claims as alleged herein;
28 2) agreements between the Manufacturing Defendants and entities, institutions and thought leader

1 academics within State of California regarding the PFOS, PFOA, and/or products that contain
2 PFOS and/or PFOA where the Manufacturing Defendants contractually consented to have state
3 courts within the State of California adjudicate disputes; 3) marketing and advertising of the PFOS,
4 PFOA, and/or products that contain PFOS and/or PFOA by the Manufacturing Defendants targeted
5 specifically to Plaintiffs within the State of California; 4) lobbying, consulting, and advisory efforts
6 on behalf of the Manufacturing Defendants with regard to the PFOS, PFOA, and/or products that
7 contain PFOS and/or PFOA stemming from law firms and other agents in the State of California;
8 and 5) and other actions by Defendants targeted to the State of California to be obtained through
9 discovery and other means. As the location from which the Manufacturing Defendants' suit-related
10 conduct arose, California has a substantial vested interest in the acts of the Manufacturing
11 Defendants which led to the underlying controversy.

12 60. At all times herein mentioned, the Manufacturing Defendants, and each of them,
13 had actual knowledge that each of the other Defendants was going to intentionally and negligently
14 engage in the tortious misconduct and acts alleged in the causes of action set forth in this complaint,
15 including but not limited to the acts, failures to act, misrepresentations and breaches of duties of
16 care owed by each of the Manufacturing Defendants to Plaintiffs.

17 **BACKGROUND AND FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**
18 **THE PFAS COMPOUNDS**

19 61. OCWD manages the Basin in northern and central Orange County in order to
20 support a variety of beneficial uses, including potable and non-potable water supply. Much of the
21 potable water supply currently used within northern and central Orange County is groundwater
22 pumped from the Basin for use by persons and Producers within OCWD's service area. Such
23 groundwater is transported, reclaimed, purified, treated, injected, extracted, and otherwise
24 managed by OCWD. Because Orange County is located in a semi-arid area, it is essential that all
25 reasonable efforts be put forth by OCWD, in cooperation with the Producers, to protect the quality
26 and quantity of groundwater supplies and to facilitate maximum utilization of local groundwater
27 resources within OCWD's boundaries.

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1 62. PFAS are a family of chemical compounds containing fluorine and carbon atoms.

2 63. PFAS have been prevalently used for decades in industrial settings and in the
3 production of thousands of common household and commercial products that are heat resistant,
4 stain resistant, long lasting, and water and oil repellant.

5 64. The PFAS family of chemicals are entirely anthropogenic and do not exist in nature.

6 65. PFOA and PFOS are PFAS that are known to have characteristics that cause
7 extensive and persistent environmental contamination.

8 66. Specifically, PFOA and PFOS are persistent, toxic, and bioaccumulative as well as
9 mobile.

10 67. PFOA and PFOS are mobile in that they are soluble and do not easily adsorb (stick)
11 to soil particles.

12 68. PFOA and PFOS are readily transported through the air as well as the soil and into
13 groundwater where they can migrate long distances.

14 69. PFOA and PFOS are persistent in that they do not readily biodegrade or chemically
15 degrade in the environment or in conventional treatment systems for drinking water or wastewater.

16 70. PFOA and PFOS are thermally, chemically, and biologically stable in the
17 environment and resistant to biodegradation, atmospheric photo-oxidation, direct photolysis, and
18 hydrolysis.

19 71. Once these PFAS compounds are applied, discharged, disposed of, or otherwise
20 released onto land or into the air, soil, sediments, or water, they migrate through the environment
21 and into groundwater and surface water.

22 72. These compounds resist natural degradation and are difficult and costly to remove
23 from soil and water.

24 73. PFOA and PFOS bioaccumulate, biopersist, and biomagnify in the food web
25 including in people and other organisms.

26 74. Exposure to certain PFAS has been associated with several negative health
27 outcomes in both humans and animals, including, but not limited to, the following:

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- a. Altered growth, learning, and behavior of infants and older children;
- b. Lowering a woman's chance of getting pregnant;
- c. Interference with the body's natural hormones;
- d. Increased cholesterol levels;
- e. Modulation of the immune system;
- f. Increased risk of certain cancers; and
- g. Increased risk of ulcerative colitis.

75. Contamination from PFOS and/or PFOA presents a threat to public health and the environment.

76. In addition to drinking contaminated water, humans can be exposed to PFOA and PFOS through inhalation, ingestion of contaminated food, and dermal contact.

77. PFOA and PFOS enter the environment from industrial facilities that use PFAS in the manufacture or production of other products.

78. Releases to land, air, and water from industrial sites are known pathways to the environment.

79. PFOA and PFOS may also enter the environment when released from PFAS-containing consumer and commercial products during their use, and after they have been disposed to landfills or in any other manner.

80. The Manufacturing Defendants have known of health and environmental risks associated with PFAS compounds for decades but concealed that knowledge until it was exposed through litigation and regulatory action in relatively recent years.

81. The Manufacturing Defendants' manufacture, distribution and/or sale of PFOS and/or PFOA and/or products containing PFOA and/or PFOS resulted in the release of PFOS and/or PFOA into the environment.

82. Through their involvement and/or participation in the creation of consumer or other commercial products and materials and related training and instructional materials and activities, the Manufacturer Defendants knew, foresaw, and/or should have known and/or foreseen that PFOS and/or PFOA would contaminate the environment.

1 83. The Manufacturing Defendants knew, foresaw, and/or should have known and/or
2 foreseen that their marketing, promotion, development, manufacture, distribution, release, training
3 of users of, production of instructional materials about, sale and/or use of PFOS and/or PFOA
4 containing materials, including in California, would result in the contamination of the groundwater
5 that is the primary source of water supply for Plaintiffs' public water systems.

6 84. The Manufacturing Defendants' products were unreasonably and inherently
7 dangerous and the Manufacturing Defendants failed to warn of this danger.

8 **3M COMPANY'S MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PFAS**

9 85. For most of the past seven decades through the early 2000s, 3M was the primary
10 manufacturer of PFAS in the United States.

11 86. 3M is the only known manufacturer of PFOS in the United States.

12 87. 3M began producing PFOA and PFOS as raw materials or ingredients that it used
13 to produce other products, or that it sold to third parties for use in other products.

14 88. 3M produced PFAS by electrochemical fluorination ("ECF") beginning in the
15 1940s.

16 89. ECF results in a product that contains and/or breaks down into compounds
17 containing PFOS and/or PFOA.

18 90. 3M went on to market and promote PFAS and shipped PFAS to manufacturers,
19 including Old DuPont, throughout the United States, including California. 3M made enormous
20 profits from PFAS and products containing PFAS and shipped PFAS and products containing
21 PFAS to California as well as throughout the country for decades until announcing in 2000 that it
22 would cease production of PFOA and PFOS (described in more detail below).

23 **OLD DUPONT'S USE AND MANUFACTURE OF PFOA**

24 91. Beginning in 1951, Old DuPont began purchasing PFOA from 3M for use in the
25 manufacturing process for Old DuPont's name-brand product Teflon®, commonly known for its
26 use as a coating for non-stick cookware.

27 92. Old DuPont has also used PFAS in other name-brand products such as
28 Stainmaster®.

1 93. Although Old DuPont was fully aware that PFOA was an inherently dangerous and
2 toxic chemical for decades, it produced its own PFAS compounds for use in its manufacturing
3 processes, including the initiation of PFOA production as 3M phased out production of PFOA.

4 94. Old DuPont marketed and promoted PFAS, and it shipped PFAS to manufacturers
5 throughout the United States, including California. Old DuPont made enormous profits from PFAS
6 and products containing PFAS and shipped PFAS and products containing PFAS to California as
7 well as throughout the country for decades, including with PFOA, which Old DuPont publicly
8 claimed to have stopped manufacturing in 2013.

9 **3M'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGERS OF PFAS**

10 95. In the 1950s, based on its own internal studies, 3M concluded that PFAS are
11 "toxic."

12 96. 3M knew as early as the mid-1950s that PFAS bioaccumulate in humans and
13 animals.

14 97. By the early 1960s, 3M understood that some PFAS are highly persistent in the
15 environment, meaning that they do not degrade.

16 98. 3M knew as early as 1960 that chemical wastes from its PFAS manufacturing
17 facilities that were dumped to landfills would leach into groundwater and otherwise enter the
18 environment. A 3M internal memo from 1960 described the company's understanding that such
19 wastes "[would] eventually reach the water table and pollute domestic wells."

20 99. As early as 1963, 3M was aware that its PFAS products were persistent in the
21 environment and would not degrade after disposal.

22 100. 3M began monitoring the blood of its employees for PFAS, as early as 1976,
23 because 3M was concerned about health effects of PFAS.

24 101. 3M documents from 1977 relating to these worker tests further confirm that PFAS
25 bioaccumulate.

26 102. By at least 1970, 3M knew that its PFAS products were hazardous to marine life.

27 103. One study of 3M's PFAS around this time had to be abandoned to avoid severe
28 local pollution of nearby surface waters.

1 104. In 1975, 3M found there was a “universal presence” of at least one form of PFAS
2 in blood serum samples taken from across the United States.

3 105. Because PFAS are not naturally occurring in any amount, anywhere on the planet,
4 this finding unquestionably alerted 3M to the near inevitability that its products were a pathway
5 for widespread public exposure to its toxic ingredient—a likelihood that 3M considered internally
6 but did not share outside the company.

7 106. This finding also alerted 3M to the likelihood that this PFAS is mobile, persistent,
8 bioaccumulative, and biomagnifying, as those characteristics would explain the ubiquitous
9 presence of this PFAS from 3M’s products in human blood.

10 107. According to a deposition transcript in a lawsuit brought by the State of Minnesota
11 against 3M (No. 27-cv-10-28862 (4th Judicial Dist. Ct. Hennepin Cty.)) (“Minn. Lawsuit”) for
12 damages to the state’s natural resources from PFAS, 3M began monitoring the blood of its
13 employees for PFAS, as early as 1976, because the company was “concerned” about “health”
14 effects of PFAS. 3M documents from 1977 relating to these worker tests further confirmed that
15 PFAS bioaccumulate.

16 108. Other studies by 3M in 1978 showed that PFOA and PFOS are toxic to monkeys.

17 109. In the late 1970s, 3M studied the fate and transport characteristics of PFOS in the
18 environment, including in surface water and biota.

19 110. A 1979 report drew a direct line between effluent from 3M’s Decatur, Alabama
20 plant and PFAS bioaccumulating in fish tissue taken from the Tennessee River.

21 111. 3M resisted calls from its own ecotoxicologists going back to 1979 to perform an
22 ecological risk assessment on PFOS and similar chemicals.

23 112. 3M’s own ecotoxicologists continued raising concerns to 3M until at least 1999.

24 113. In 1983, 3M scientists opined that concerns about PFAS “give rise to legitimate
25 questions about the persistence, accumulation potential, and ecotoxicity of [PFAS] in the
26 environment.”

27 114. In 1984, 3M’s internal analyses demonstrated that PFAS were likely
28 bioaccumulating in 3M fluorochemical employees.

1 115. According to the Minnesota Attorney General, despite 3M’s understanding of the
2 risks associated with PFAS, 3M engaged in a campaign to distort scientific research concerning
3 PFAS and to suppress research into the potential harms associated with PFAS.

4 116. According to a deposition transcript from the Minn. Lawsuit, 3M recognized that
5 if the public and governmental regulators became aware of the risks associated with PFAS, 3M
6 would be forced to halt its manufacturing of PFAS and PFAS-derived products that would result
7 in the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue.

8 117. The potential loss of 3M’s massive profits from PFAS drove 3M to engage in a
9 campaign to influence the science relating to PFAS and, according to internal 3M documents, to
10 conduct scientific “research” that it could use to mount “[d]efensive [b]arriers to [l]itigation.”

11 118. A key priority of an internal 3M committee—referred to as the FC Core Team—
12 was to “[c]ommand the science” concerning “exposure, analytical, fate, effects, human health and
13 ecological” risks posed by PFAS and for 3M to provide “[s]elective funding of outside research
14 through 3M ‘grant’ money.”

15 119. In exchange for providing grant money to friendly researchers, 3M obtained the
16 right to review and edit draft scientific papers regarding PFAS and sought control over when and
17 whether the results of scientific studies were published at all.

18 120. A significant aspect of 3M’s campaign to influence independent scientific research
19 involved 3M’s relationship with Professor John Giesy. 3M provided millions of dollars in grants
20 to Professor Giesy, who presented himself publicly as an independent expert but, as revealed in his
21 deposition transcript in the Minn. Lawsuit, he privately characterized himself as part of the 3M
22 “team.”

23 121. According to Professor Giesy’s deposition transcript in the Minn. Lawsuit,
24 Professor Giesy worked on behalf of 3M to “buy favors” from scientists in the field for the purpose
25 of entering into a “quid pro quo” with the scientists.

26 122. According to emails produced by Professor Giesy in the Minn. Lawsuit, through
27 his position as an editor of academic journals, Professor Giesy reviewed “about half of the papers
28 published in the area” of PFAS ecotoxicology and billed 3M for his time reviewing the articles

1 and, in performing reviews of these articles, Professor Giesy stated that he was always careful to
2 ensure that there was “no paper trail to 3M” and that his goal was to “keep ‘bad’ papers [regarding
3 PFAS] out of the literature” because “in litigation situations” those articles “can be a large obstacle
4 to refute.”

5 123. According to Professor Giesy’s deposition transcript in the Minn. Lawsuit, despite
6 spending most of his career as a professor at public universities, Professor Giesy has a net worth
7 of approximately \$20 million which is, according to the Minnesota Attorney General, in part, a
8 direct result from his long-term involvement with 3M for the purpose of suppressing independent
9 scientific research on PFAS.

10 124. 3M’s own employees recognized that 3M was concealing known dangers relating
11 to PFAS. For example, in a 1999 resignation letter, an employee stated that “I can no longer
12 participate in the process that 3M has established for the management of [PFAS.] For me, it is
13 unethical to be concerned with markets, legal defensibility and image over environmental safety.”

14 125. In response to pressure from the United States Environmental Protection Agency
15 (“EPA”), 3M began to phase out production of PFOS and PFOA products in 2000.

16 126. On May 16, 2000, 3M issued a news release asserting that “our products are safe,”
17 citing the company’s “principles of responsible environmental management” as the reason to cease
18 production.

19 127. On the same day as 3M’s phase-out announcement, an EPA press release stated:
20 “3M data supplied to EPA indicated that these chemicals are very persistent in the environment,
21 have a strong tendency to accumulate in human and animal tissues and could potentially pose a
22 risk to human health and the environment over the long term.”

23 128. In a memo explaining its decision, EPA stated that PFOS “appears to combine
24 Persistence, Bioaccumulation, and Toxicity property to an extraordinary degree.”

25 129. 3M knew or should have known that through their intended and/or common use,
26 products containing PFAS would very likely injure and/or threaten public health and the
27 environment in California.

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**OLD DUPONT'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGERS
OF PFAS AND MOUNTING LIABILITIES**

130. Beginning in the 1950s, Old DuPont manufactured, produced, or utilized PFOA and other PFAS at several facilities in the United States.

131. Throughout this time, Old DuPont was aware that PFOA was toxic, harmful to animals and humans, bioaccumulative, and biopersistent in the environment. Old DuPont also knew that it directly emitted and discharged, and continued to emit and discharge, PFOA in large quantities into the environment from its manufacturing plants, such that hundreds of thousands of people had been exposed to its PFOA, including through public and private drinking water supplies.

132. Old DuPont company scientists issued internal warnings about the toxicity associated with their PFOA products as early as 1961.

133. Old DuPont's Toxicology Section Chief opined that such products should be "handled with extreme care," and that contact with the skin should be "strictly avoided."

134. In 1978, based on information it received from 3M about elevated and persistent organic fluorine levels in workers exposed to PFOA, Old DuPont initiated a plan to review and monitor the health conditions of potentially exposed workers in order to assess whether any negative health effects could be attributed to PFOA exposure.

135. This monitoring plan involved obtaining blood samples from the workers and analyzing them for the presence of organic fluorine.

136. By 1979, Old DuPont had data indicating that its workers exposed to PFOA had a significantly higher incidence of health issues than did unexposed workers.

137. Old DuPont did not report this data or the results of its worker health analysis to any government agency or community.

138. The following year, Old DuPont internally confirmed that PFOA "is toxic," that humans bioaccumulate PFOA in their tissue, and that "continued exposure is not tolerable."

139. Not only did Old DuPont know that PFOA bioaccumulates in humans, but it was also aware that PFOA could cross the placenta from an exposed mother to her gestational child.

1 140. In fact, Old DuPont had reported in March 1982 that results from a rat study showed
2 PFOA crossing the placenta if present in maternal blood, but Old DuPont concealed the results of
3 internal studies of its own plant workers confirming placental transfer of PFOA in humans.

4 141. While Old DuPont knew about this toxicity danger as early as the 1960s, Old
5 DuPont also was aware that PFAS was capable of contaminating the surrounding environment and
6 causing human exposure.

7 142. By at least 1981, Old DuPont also knew that PFOA could be emitted into the air
8 from its facilities, and that those air emissions could travel beyond the facility boundaries and enter
9 the environment and natural resources.

10 143. By 1984, Old DuPont unquestionably was aware that PFOA is biopersistent.

11 144. Old DuPont was long aware that the PFAS it was releasing from its facilities was
12 leaching into groundwater used for public drinking water.

13 145. After obtaining data on these releases and the resulting contamination near Old
14 DuPont's Washington Works plant in West Virginia in 1984, Old DuPont held a meeting at its
15 corporate headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware, to discuss health and environmental issues
16 related to PFOA (the "1984 Meeting").

17 146. Old DuPont employees who attended the 1984 Meeting discussed available
18 technologies that were capable of controlling and reducing PFOA releases from its manufacturing
19 facilities, as well as potential replacement materials.

20 147. Old DuPont chose not to use either available technologies or replacement materials,
21 despite knowing of PFOA's toxicity.

22 148. During the 1984 Meeting, Old DuPont employees in attendance spoke of the PFOA
23 issue as "one of corporate image, and corporate liability."

24 149. They were resigned to Old DuPont's "incremental liability from this point on if we
25 do nothing" because Old DuPont was "already liable for the past 32 years of operation."

26 150. They also stated that the "legal and medical [departments within Old DuPont] will
27 likely take the position of total elimination" of PFOA use in Old DuPont's business, and that these
28 departments had "no incentive to take any other position."

1 151. By 2000, Old DuPont's in-house counsel was particularly concerned about the
2 threat of punitive damages resulting from Old DuPont's releases of PFOA at its Washington Works
3 facility in West Virginia.

4 152. Old DuPont's own Epidemiology Review Board ("ERB") repeatedly raised
5 concerns about Old DuPont's statements to the public that there were no adverse health effects
6 associated with human exposure to PFOA.

7 153. For example, in February 2006, the ERB "strongly advise[d] against any public
8 statements asserting that PFOA does not pose any risk to health" and questioned "the evidential
9 basis of [Old DuPont's] public expression asserting, with what appears to be great confidence, that
10 PFOA does not pose a risk to health."

11 154. In 2004, EPA filed an action against Old DuPont based on its failure to disclose
12 toxicity and exposure information for PFOA, in violation of federal environmental laws.

13 155. In 2005, Old DuPont eventually settled the action by agreeing to pay \$10.25 million
14 in a civil administrative penalty and to complete \$6.25 million in supplemental environmental
15 projects.

16 156. Old DuPont also promised to phase out production and use of PFOA by 2015.

17 157. EPA called the settlement the "largest civil administrative penalty EPA has ever
18 obtained under any federal environmental statute."

19 158. Old DuPont and Chemours knew or should have known that in their intended and/or
20 common use, products containing PFAS would very likely injure and/or threaten public health and
21 the environment in California.

22 159. Also, in 2005, a final court order was entered approving Old DuPont's 2004
23 settlement in the class action lawsuit styled *Leach, et al. v. E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.*, Civil
24 Action No. 01-C-608 (Wood Cty. W. Va. Cir. Ct.) (the "Leach Action") filed on behalf of
25 approximately 70,000 individuals with PFOA-contaminated drinking water supplies in Ohio and
26 West Virginia for benefits valued at over \$300 million.

27 160. Under the terms of the final class action settlement, Old DuPont agreed to fund a
28 panel of independent scientists (the "C8 Science Panel") to conduct whatever studies were

1 necessary to confirm which diseases were linked to class member PFOA exposure, to remove
2 PFOA from the contaminated water sources, and to pay up to \$235 million for medical monitoring
3 of class members with respect to any diseases linked by the C8 Science Panel to their PFOA
4 exposure. “C-8,” a term used internally by DuPont employees, is an alternative name for PFOA.

5 161. After seven years of study and analyses, the C8 Science Panel confirmed that PFOA
6 exposures among class members were linked to several serious human diseases, including two
7 types of cancer.

8 162. More than 3,500 personal injury claims were filed against Old DuPont in Ohio and
9 West Virginia following the final settlement in the *Leach* Action and the findings of the C8 Science
10 Panel.

11 163. These claims were consolidated in the federal multidistrict litigation styled *In Re:*
12 *E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company C-8 Personal Injury Litigation* (MDL No. 2433) in the
13 United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (the “C8 MDL”).

14 164. Between 2015 and 2016, juries in three bellwether trials in the C8 MDL returned
15 multi-million-dollar verdicts against Old DuPont, awarding compensatory damages and, in two
16 cases, punitive damages to plaintiffs who claimed PFOA exposure caused their cancers.

17 165. As discussed below, Old DuPont required that Chemours both directly assume its
18 historical PFAS liabilities, and also indemnify Old DuPont from those liabilities. Chemours
19 explained in its November 2016 SEC filing: “[s]ignificant unfavorable outcomes in a number of
20 cases in the [C8] MDL could have a material adverse effect on Chemours’ consolidated financial
21 position, results of operations or liquidity.”

22 166. On February 13, 2017, Old DuPont and Chemours agreed to pay \$670.7 million to
23 resolve the approximately 3,500 then-pending cases in the C8 MDL.

24 **OLD DUPONT’S MULTI-STEP, FRAUDULENT SCHEME**
25 **TO ISOLATE ITS VALUABLE TANGIBLE ASSETS FROM ITS**
26 **PFAS LIABILITIES AND HINDER CREDITORS**

27 167. By 2013, Old DuPont knew that it faced substantial environmental and other
28 liabilities arising from its use of PFOA at Washington Works alone, as well as liability related to
PFAS contamination at other sites and areas throughout the country, and that its liability was likely

1 billions of dollars.

2 168. These liabilities include clean-up costs, remediation obligations, tort damages,
3 natural resource damages and, most importantly, likely massive and potentially crippling punitive
4 damages arising from Old DuPont's intentional misconduct.

5 169. In light of this significant exposure, upon information and belief, by 2013 Old
6 DuPont's management began to consider restructuring the company in order to, among other
7 things, avoid responsibility for the widespread environmental harm and personal injuries that Old
8 DuPont's PFAS and associated conduct caused, and to shield billions of dollars in assets from
9 these substantial liabilities. Old DuPont referred to this initiative internally as "Project Beta."

10 170. Upon information and belief, Old DuPont contemplated various restructuring
11 opportunities, including potential merger structures. In or about 2013, Old DuPont and Old Dow
12 began discussions about a possible "merger of equals."

13 171. Upon information and belief, Old DuPont recognized that neither Old Dow, nor
14 any other rational merger partner, would agree to a transaction that would result in exposing Old
15 Dow, or any other merger partner, to the substantial PFAS liabilities that Old DuPont faced.

16 172. Accordingly, Old DuPont's management decided to pursue a corporate
17 restructuring strategy specifically designed to isolate Old DuPont's massive legacy liabilities from
18 its valuable tangible assets in order to shield those assets from creditors and entice Old Dow to
19 pursue the proposed merger.

20 173. Old DuPont engaged in a three-part restructuring plan, further explained below.

21 174. The first step in Old DuPont's plan was to transfer its Performance Chemicals
22 business (which included Teflon® and other products, the manufacture of which involved the use
23 of PFOA and other PFAS) into its wholly-owned subsidiary, Chemours. And then, in July 2015,
24 Old DuPont "spun-off" Chemours as a separate publicly-traded entity and saddled Chemours with
25 Old DuPont's massive legacy liabilities (the "Chemours Spinoff").

26 175. Old DuPont knew that Chemours was undercapitalized and could not satisfy the
27 massive liabilities that it caused Chemours to assume. Old DuPont also knew that the Chemours
28 Spinoff alone would not isolate its own assets from its PFAS liabilities, and that Old DuPont still

1 faced direct liability for its own conduct.

2 176. Accordingly, Old DuPont moved on to the next step of its plan, designed to further
3 distance itself from the exposure it had created over its decades of illicit and illegal conduct with
4 regard to PFAS.

5 177. The second step involved Old DuPont and Old Dow entering into an “Agreement
6 and Plan of Merger” in December 2015, pursuant to which Old DuPont and Old Dow merged with
7 subsidiaries of a newly-formed holding company, DowDuPont, Inc. (“DowDuPont”), which was
8 created for the sole purpose of effectuating the merger. Old DuPont and Old Dow became
9 subsidiaries of DowDuPont.

10 178. Then, through a series of subsequent agreements, DowDuPont engaged in
11 numerous business segment and product line “realignments” and “divestitures.”

12 179. The net effect of these transactions was to transfer, either directly or indirectly, a
13 substantial portion of Old DuPont’s assets to DowDuPont.

14 180. The third step involved DowDuPont spinning off two, new, publicly-traded
15 companies: (i) Corteva, which currently holds Old DuPont as a subsidiary, and (ii) Dow, Inc.
16 (“New Dow”) which currently holds Old Dow as a subsidiary. DowDuPont was then renamed
17 DuPont de Nemours, Inc. (“New DuPont”).

18 181. As a result of these transactions, between December 2014 (pre-Chemours Spinoff)
19 and December 2019 (post-Dow merger), the value of Old DuPont’s tangible assets decreased by
20 \$20.85 billion.

21 182. New DuPont and New Dow now hold the vast majority of the tangible assets that
22 Old DuPont formerly owned.

23 183. Many of the details about these transactions are hidden from the public in
24 confidential schedules and exhibits to the various restructuring agreements. Upon information and
25 belief, Old DuPont, New DuPont, New Dow, and Corteva have intentionally buried these details
26 in an attempt to hide from creditors, like Plaintiffs, where Old DuPont’s valuable assets went and
27 the inadequate consideration that Old DuPont received in return.

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1 **STEP 1: THE CHEMOURS SPINOFF**

2 184. In February 2014, Old DuPont formed Chemours as a wholly-owned subsidiary.
3 Chemours was originally incorporated on February 18, 2014, under the name “Performance
4 Operations, LLC.”

5 185. On or about April 15, 2014, the company was renamed “The Chemours Company,
6 LLC,” and on April 30, 2015, it was converted from a limited liability company to a corporation
7 named “The Chemours Company.”

8 186. Prior to July 1, 2015, Chemours was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Old DuPont.
9 On July 1, 2015, Old DuPont completed the spinoff of its Performance Chemicals business, and
10 Chemours became a separate, publicly-traded entity (the “Chemours Spinoff”).

11 187. At the time of the spinoff, the Performance Chemicals business consisted of Old
12 DuPont’s Titanium Technologies, Chemical Solutions, and Fluorochemicals segments (the
13 “Performance Chemicals Business”).

14 188. The Performance Chemicals Business included the fluoroproducts and chemical
15 solutions businesses that had manufactured, used, and discharged PFOA into the environment.

16 189. Prior to the Chemours Spinoff, Chemours was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Old
17 DuPont, and its Board of Directors had three members, all of whom were Old DuPont employees.

18 190. On June 19, 2015, a fourth member of the Board was appointed, and upon
19 information and belief, this fourth member had served as a member of Old DuPont’s Board of
20 Directors from 1998 to 2015.

21 191. On July 1, 2015, effective immediately prior to the Chemours Spinoff, the size of
22 the Chemours Board of Directors was expanded to eight members. The three initial Old DuPont
23 employees resigned from the Board, and to fill the vacancies created thereby, seven new members
24 were appointed.

25 192. To effectuate the Chemours Spinoff, Old DuPont and Chemours entered into the
26 June 26, 2015 Separation Agreement (the “Chemours Separation Agreement”).

27 193. Pursuant to the Chemours Separation Agreement, Old DuPont agreed to transfer to
28 Chemours all businesses and assets related to the Performance Chemicals Business, including 37

1 active chemical plants.

2 194. Old DuPont completed a significant internal reorganization prior to the Chemours
3 Spinoff, such that all of the assets that Old DuPont deemed to be part of the Performance Chemicals
4 Business would be transferred to Chemours.

5 195. At the same time, Chemours accepted a broad assumption of liabilities for Old
6 DuPont's historical use, manufacture, and discharge of PFAS, although the specific details
7 regarding the nature, probable maximum loss value, and anticipated timing of the liabilities that
8 Chemours assumed are set forth in non-public schedules and exhibits to the Chemours Separation
9 Agreement.

10 196. Notwithstanding the billions of dollars in PFAS liabilities that Chemours would
11 face, on July 1, 2015, Chemours transferred to Old DuPont approximately \$3.4 billion as a cash
12 dividend, along with a "distribution in kind" of promissory notes with an aggregate principal
13 amount of \$507 million.

14 197. Thus, in total, Chemours distributed \$3.9 billion to Old DuPont. Chemours funded
15 these distributions by entering into approximately \$3.995 billion of financing transactions,
16 including senior secured term loans and senior unsecured notes, on May 12, 2015. Also, Chemours
17 distributed approximately \$3.0 billion in common stock to Old DuPont shareholders on July 1,
18 2015 (181 million shares at \$16.51 per share price).

19 198. Accordingly, most of the valuable assets that Chemours may have had at the time
20 of the Chemours Spinoff were unavailable to creditors with current or future PFAS claims, and
21 Old DuPont stripped Chemours's value for itself and its shareholders. In total, Chemours
22 transferred almost \$7 billion in stock, cash, and notes to Old DuPont and its shareholders. Old
23 DuPont, however, only transferred \$4.1 billion in net assets to Chemours. And, Chemours assumed
24 billions of dollars of Old DuPont's PFAS and other liabilities.

25 199. In addition to the assumption of such liabilities, the Chemours Separation
26 Agreement required Chemours to provide broad indemnification to Old DuPont in connection with
27 these liabilities, which is uncapped and does not have a survival period.

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1 200. The Chemours Separation Agreement requires Chemours to indemnify Old DuPont
2 against, and assume for itself, all “Chemours Liabilities,” which is defined broadly to include,
3 among other things, “any and all Liabilities relating . . . primarily to, arising primarily out of or
4 resulting primarily from, the operation or conduct of the Chemours Business, as conducted at any
5 time prior to, at or after the Effective Date . . . including . . . any and all Chemours Assumed
6 Environmental Liabilities . . . ,” which includes Old DuPont’s historic liabilities relating to and
7 arising from its decades of emitting PFOA into the environment from Washington Works and
8 elsewhere.

9 201. The Chemours Separation Agreement also requires Chemours to indemnify Old
10 DuPont against, and assume for itself, the Chemours Liabilities regardless of (i) when or where
11 such liabilities arose; (ii) whether the facts upon which they are based occurred prior to, on, or
12 subsequent to the effective date of the spinoff; (iii) where or against whom such liabilities are
13 asserted or determined; (iv) whether arising from or alleged to arise from negligence, gross
14 negligence, recklessness, violation of law, fraud or misrepresentation by any member of the Old
15 DuPont group or the Chemours group; (v) the accuracy of the maximum probable loss values
16 assigned to such liabilities; and (vi) which entity is named in any action associated with any
17 liability.

18 202. The Chemours Separation Agreement also requires Chemours to indemnify Old
19 DuPont from, and assume all, environmental liabilities that arose prior to the spinoff if they were
20 “primarily associated” with the Performance Chemicals Business.

21 203. Chemours also agreed to use its best efforts to be fully substituted for Old DuPont
22 with respect to “any order, decree, judgment, agreement or Action with respect to Chemours
23 Assumed Environmental Liabilities”

24 204. Notably, Chemours sued Old DuPont in Delaware state court in 2019, alleging,
25 among other things, that if (i) the full value of Old DuPont’s PFAS liabilities were properly
26 estimated and (ii) the Court does not limit Chemours’ liability that the Chemours Separation
27 Agreement imposes, then Chemours would have been insolvent at the time of the Chemours
28 Spinoff.

1 205. There was no meaningful, arms-length negotiation of the Separation Agreement.

2 206. In its Delaware lawsuit, Chemours alleges that Old DuPont refused to allow any
3 procedural protections for Chemours in the negotiations, and Old DuPont and its outside counsel
4 prepared all the documents to effectuate the Chemours Spinoff. Indeed, during the period in which
5 the terms of commercial agreements between Chemours and Old DuPont were negotiated,
6 Chemours did not have an independent board of directors or management independent of Old
7 DuPont.

8 207. Although Chemours had a separate board of directors, Old DuPont employees
9 controlled the Chemours board. Indeed, when the Chemours Separation Agreement was signed,
10 Chemours was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Old DuPont, and the Chemours board consisted of
11 three Old DuPont employees and one former, long-standing member of the Old DuPont board.

12 208. Chemours' independent board of directors, newly appointed on July 1, 2015,
13 immediately prior to the Chemours Spinoff, did not participate in the negotiations of the terms of
14 the separation.

15 209. It is apparent that Old DuPont's goal with respect to the Chemours Spinoff was to
16 segregate a large portion of Old DuPont's legacy environmental liabilities, including liabilities
17 related to its PFAS chemicals and products, and in so doing, shield Old DuPont's assets from any
18 financial exposure associated therewith.

19 210. Not surprisingly, given Old DuPont's extraction of nearly \$4 billion from
20 Chemours immediately prior to the Chemours Spinoff, Chemours was thinly capitalized and
21 unable to satisfy the substantial liabilities that it assumed from Old DuPont. Indeed, Chemours
22 disclosed in public SEC filings that its "significant indebtedness" arising from its separation from
23 Old DuPont restricted its current and future operations.

24 211. Shortly after the Chemours Spinoff, market analysts described Chemours as "a
25 bankruptcy waiting to happen" and a company "purposely designed for bankruptcy."

26 212. At the end of December 2014, Chemours reported it had total assets of \$5.959
27 billion and total liabilities of \$2.286 billion. At the end of 2015, following the Chemours Spinoff,
28 Chemours reported that it had total assets of \$6.298 billion and total liabilities of \$6.168 billion as

1 of December 31, 2015, yielding total net worth of \$130 million.

2 213. Removing Chemours' goodwill and other intangibles of \$176 million yields
3 tangible net worth of negative \$46 million (that is, Chemours' liabilities were greater than its
4 tangible assets). According to unaudited pro forma financial statements, as of March 31, 2015 (but
5 giving effect to all of the transactions contemplated in the Chemours Spinoff), Chemours had total
6 assets of \$6.4 billion and total liabilities of \$6.3 billion.

7 214. Chemours also reported that these liabilities included \$454 million in "other
8 accrued liabilities," which in turn included \$11 million for accrued litigation and \$68 million for
9 environmental remediation. Chemours also had \$553 million in "other liabilities," which included
10 \$223 million for environmental remediation and \$58 million for accrued litigation.

11 215. Chemours significantly underestimated its liabilities, including the liabilities that it
12 had assumed from Old DuPont with respect to PFAS, and which Old DuPont and Chemours knew
13 or should have known would be tens of billions of dollars.

14 216. Had Chemours taken the full extent of Old DuPont's legacy liabilities into account,
15 as it should have done, it would have had negative equity (that is, total liabilities that are greater
16 than total assets), not only on a tangible basis, but also on a total equity basis, and, Chemours
17 would have been rendered insolvent at the time of the Chemours Spinoff.

18 **STEP 2: THE OLD DOW/OLD DUPONT "MERGER"**

19 217. After the Chemours Spinoff, Old DuPont took the untenable position that it was
20 somehow no longer responsible for the widespread PFAS contamination that it had caused over
21 several decades. Old DuPont publicly claimed that the PFAS liabilities associated with the
22 Performance Chemicals business that Old DuPont had transferred to Chemours rested solely with
23 Chemours, and not with Old DuPont.

24 218. Of course, Old DuPont could not contractually discharge all of its historical
25 liabilities through the Chemours Spinoff, and Old DuPont remained liable for the liabilities it had
26 caused, and that Chemours had assumed.

27 219. Old DuPont knew that it could not escape liability and would still face exposure for
28 PFAS liabilities, including for potentially massive punitive damages. So Old DuPont moved to the

1 next phase of its fraudulent scheme.

2 220. On December 11, 2015, less than six months following the Chemours Spinoff, Old
3 DuPont and Old Dow announced that their respective boards had approved an agreement “under
4 which the companies [would] combine in an all-stock merger of equals” and that the combined
5 company would be named DowDuPont, Inc. (“Dow-DuPont Merger”). The companies disclosed
6 that they intended to subsequently separate the combined companies’ businesses into three
7 publicly-traded companies through further spinoffs, each of which would occur 18 to 24 months
8 following the closing of the merger.

9 221. To effectuate the transaction, Old DuPont and Old Dow entered into an Agreement
10 and Plan of Merger (the “Dow-DuPont Merger Agreement”) that provided for (i) the formation of
11 a new holding company – Diamond-Orion HoldCo, Inc., later named DowDuPont, and then
12 renamed DuPont de Nemours, Inc., *i.e.*, “New DuPont” and (ii) the creation of two new merger
13 subsidiaries into which Old Dow and Old DuPont each would merge.

14 222. Upon the closing of the DowDuPont Merger, Old Dow merged into one merger
15 subsidiary, and Old DuPont merged into the other merger subsidiary. Thus, as a result of the
16 merger, and in accordance with the DowDuPont Merger Agreement, Old Dow and Old DuPont
17 each became wholly-owned subsidiaries of DowDuPont.

18 223. Although Old DuPont and Old Dow referred to the transaction as a “merger of
19 equals,” the two companies did not actually merge at all, because doing so would have infected
20 Old Dow with all of Old DuPont’s historical PFAS liabilities. Rather, Old DuPont and Old Dow
21 became affiliated sister companies that were each owned by the newly formed DowDuPont (*i.e.*,
22 New DuPont).

23 224. The below image reflects the corporate organization following the “merger”:

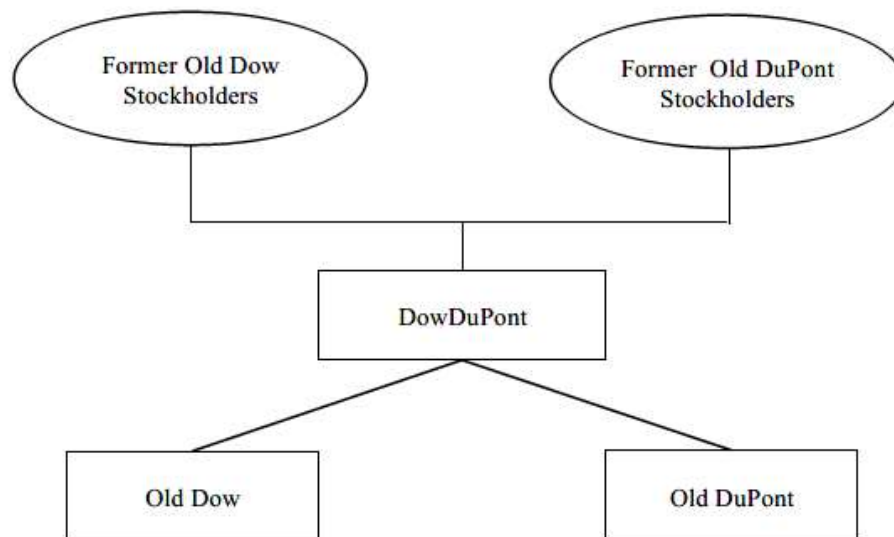
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STEP 3: THE SHUFFLING, REORGANIZATION, AND TRANSFER OF VALUABLE ASSETS AWAY FROM OLD DUPONT AND SEPARATION OF CORTEVA AND NEW DOW

225. Following the Dow-DuPont Merger, DowDuPont (*i.e.*, New DuPont) underwent a significant internal reorganization, and engaged in numerous business segment and product line “realignments” and “divestitures.” The net effect of these transactions has been the transfer, either directly or indirectly, of a substantial portion of Old DuPont’s assets out of the company.

226. While, again, the details of these transactions remain hidden from the Plaintiffs and other creditors, it is apparent that the transactions were intended to frustrate and hinder creditors with claims against Old DuPont, including with respect to its substantial PFAS liabilities. The significant internal reorganization instituted by DowDuPont (*i.e.*, New DuPont) was in preparation for the conglomerate being split into three, separate, publicly-traded companies.

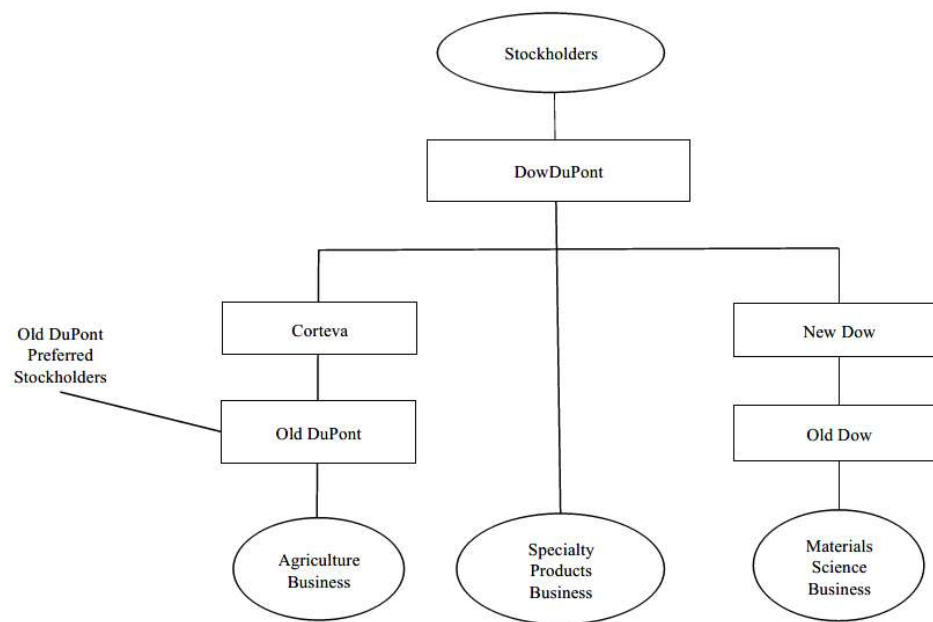
227. Old DuPont’s assets, including its remaining business segments and product lines, were transferred either directly or indirectly to DowDuPont (*i.e.*, New DuPont), which reshuffled the assets and combined them with the assets of Old Dow, and then reorganized the combined assets into three distinct divisions: (i) the “Agriculture Business”; (ii) the “Specialty Products Business”; and (iii) the “Material Sciences Business.”

228. While the precise composition of these divisions, including many details of the specific transactions, the transfer of business segments, and the divestiture of product lines during

1 this time, are not publicly available, it is apparent that Old DuPont transferred a substantial portion
2 of its valuable assets to DowDuPont (*i.e.*, New DuPont), for far less than the assets were worth.

3 229. Once the assets of Old DuPont and Old Dow were combined and reorganized,
4 DowDuPont (*i.e.*, New DuPont) incorporated two new companies to hold two of the three newly
5 formed business lines: (i) Corteva, which became the parent holding company of Old DuPont,
6 which in turn holds the Agriculture Business; and (ii) New Dow, which became the parent holding
7 company of Old Dow, and which holds the Materials Science Business. DowDuPont (*i.e.*, New
8 DuPont) retained the Specialty Products Business, and prepared to spin off Corteva and New Dow
9 into separate, publicly-traded companies.

10 230. The below graph depicts the structure of DowDuPont after the internal
11 reorganization and realignment:



23 231. The mechanics of the separations are governed by the April 1, 2019 Separation and
24 Distribution Agreement among Corteva, New Dow and DowDuPont (*i.e.*, New DuPont) (the
25 “DowDuPont Separation Agreement”).

26 232. The Dow DuPont Separation Agreement generally allocates the assets primarily
27 related to the respective business divisions to Corteva (Agriculture Business), New Dow (Materials
28 Science Business) and New DuPont (Specialty Products Business), respectively. New DuPont also

1 retained several “non-core” business segments and product lines that once belonged to Old
2 DuPont.

3 233. Similarly, Corteva, New Dow, and New DuPont each retained the liabilities
4 primarily related to the business divisions that they retained, *i.e.*, (i) Corteva retained and assumed
5 the liabilities related to the Agriculture Business; (ii) New DuPont retained and assumed the
6 liabilities related to the Specialty Products Business; and (iii) New Dow retained and assumed the
7 liabilities related to the Materials Science Business.

8 234. Corteva and New DuPont also assumed direct financial liability of Old DuPont that
9 was not related to the Agriculture, Material Science or Specialty Products Businesses, including,
10 upon information and belief, the PFAS liabilities. These assumed PFAS liabilities are allocated on
11 a pro rata basis between Corteva and New DuPont pursuant to the DowDuPont Separation
12 Agreement, such that, after both companies have satisfied certain conditions, future liabilities are
13 allocated 71% to New DuPont and 29% to Corteva.

14 235. This “allocation” applies to Old DuPont’s legacy liabilities for PFAS contamination
15 and its former Performance Chemicals business, including Plaintiffs’ claims in this case.

16 236. While New DuPont and Corteva have buried the details in non-public schedules,
17 upon information and belief, New DuPont and Corteva each assumed these liabilities under the
18 DowDuPont Separation Agreement, along with other liabilities related to Old DuPont’s
19 discontinued and divested businesses. Plaintiff can therefore bring claims against New DuPont and
20 Corteva directly for Old DuPont’s contamination of the groundwater and surface water within the
21 OCWD and the Producers’ public water systems.

22 237. The separation of New Dow was completed on or about April 1, 2019, when
23 DowDuPont (*i.e.*, New DuPont) distributed all of New Dow’s common stock to DowDuPont
24 stockholders as a pro rata dividend. New Dow now trades on the New York Stock Exchange
25 (“NYSE”) under Old Dow’s stock ticker “DOW.”

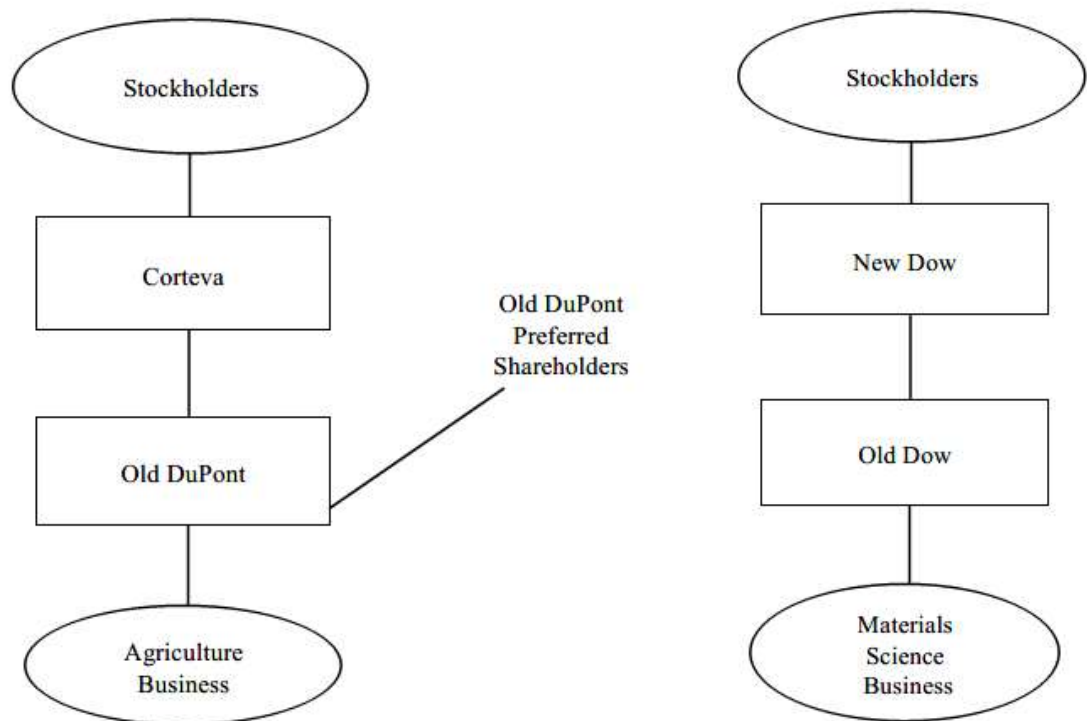
26 238. On or about May 2, 2019, DowDuPont (*i.e.*, New DuPont) consolidated the
27 Agricultural Business line into Old DuPont, and then, on or about May 31, 2019, it “contributed”
28 Old DuPont to Corteva. The following day, on June 1, 2019, DowDuPont (*i.e.*, New DuPont) spun

off Corteva as an independent public company.

239. Corteva now holds 100% of the outstanding common stock of Old DuPont. Corteva now also trades on the NYSE under the stock ticker “CTVA.”

240. The separation of Corteva was completed on or about June 1, 2019, when DowDuPont distributed all of Corteva’s common stock to DowDuPont (*i.e.*, New DuPont) stockholders as a pro rata dividend.

241. The corporate structures of New Dow and Old Dow, and Corteva and Old DuPont, respectively, following the separations are depicted below:



242. Also, on or about June 1, 2019, DowDuPont changed its registered name to Du Pont de Nemours Inc. (*i.e.*, New DuPont).

**THE EFFECT OF THE YEARS-LONG SCHEME TO DEFRAUD
PLAINTIFFS AND OTHER CREDITORS AND AVOID FINANCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEGACY LIABILITIES**

243. The net result of these transactions was to strip away valuable tangible assets from Old DuPont, and transfer those assets to New DuPont and Corteva for far less than the assets are

1 worth.

2 244. Old DuPont estimated that the Dow-DuPont Merger created “goodwill” worth
3 billions of dollars. When the Corteva separation was complete, a portion of this “goodwill” was
4 assigned to Old DuPont in order to prop up its balance sheet. But, in reality, Old DuPont was left
5 with substantially fewer tangible assets than it had prior to the restructuring.

6 245. In addition, Old DuPont owes a debt to Corteva of approximately \$4 billion. Recent
7 SEC filings demonstrate the substantial deterioration of Old DuPont’s finances and the drastic
8 change in its financial condition before and after the above transactions.

9 246. For example, for the fiscal year ended 2014, prior to the Chemours Spinoff, Old
10 DuPont reported \$3.6 billion in net income and \$3.7 billion in cash provided by operating
11 activities. For the fiscal year ended 2019, just months after the Corteva separation, however, Old
12 DuPont reported a net loss of negative \$1 billion and only \$996 million in cash provided by
13 operating activities. That is a decrease of 128% in net income and a decrease of 73% in annual
14 operating cash flow.

15 247. Additionally, Old DuPont reported a significant decrease in Income From
16 Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes (“EBT”). Old DuPont reported \$4.9 billion in EBT
17 for the period ending December 31, 2014. For the period ending December 31, 2019, Old DuPont
18 reported EBT of negative \$422 million.

19 248. The value of Old DuPont’s tangible assets further underscores Old DuPont’s
20 precarious financial situation. For the fiscal year ended 2014, prior to the Chemours Spinoff, Old
21 DuPont owned nearly \$41 billion in tangible assets. For the fiscal year ended 2019, Old DuPont
22 owned just under \$21 billion in tangible assets.

23 249. That means in the five-year period over which the restructuring occurred, when Old
24 DuPont knew that it faced billions of dollars in PFAS liabilities, Old DuPont transferred or
25 divested approximately half of its tangible assets—totaling \$20 billion.

26 250. As of September 2019, just after the Corteva spinoff, Old DuPont reported \$43.251
27 billion in assets. But almost \$21.835 billion of these assets were comprised of intangible assets,
28 including “goodwill” from its successive restructuring activities.

1 251. At the same time, Old DuPont reported liabilities totaling \$22.060 billion. Thus,
2 when the Corteva spinoff was complete, Old DuPont's tangible net worth (excluding its intangible
3 assets) was negative \$644 million.

4 252. Old DuPont's financial condition has continued to deteriorate. By end of fiscal year
5 2019, Old DuPont reported \$42.397 billion in total assets, half of which (or \$21.653 billion) are
6 intangible assets. Old DuPont's reported liabilities for the same period totaled \$21.869 billion.

7 253. Old DuPont's tangible net worth between September 30, 2019 and December 31,
8 2019 declined even further, whereby Old DuPont ended fiscal year 2019 with tangible net worth
9 of negative \$1.125 billion.

10 254. In addition, Plaintiffs cannot take comfort in the "allocation" of liabilities to New
11 DuPont and Corteva. Neither of those Defendants has publicly conceded that they assumed Old
12 DuPont's historical PFAS liabilities. And it is far from clear that either entity will be able to satisfy
13 any judgment in this case.

14 255. Indeed, New DuPont—to which 71% of PFAS liabilities are "allocated" under the
15 DowDuPont Separation Agreement once certain conditions are satisfied—is in the process of
16 divesting numerous business segments and product lines, including tangible assets that it received
17 from Old DuPont, and for which Old DuPont has received less than reasonably equivalent value.

18 256. New DuPont has received or will receive significant proceeds on the sales of Old
19 DuPont's former business segments and product lines.

20 257. In September 2019, New DuPont sold the Sustainable Solutions business for \$28
21 million to Gyrus Capital.

22 258. On or about December 15, 2019, New DuPont agreed to sell the Nutrition and
23 Biosciences business to International Flavors & Fragrances for \$26.2 billion.

24 259. In March 2020, New DuPont completed the sale of Compound Semiconductor
25 Solutions for \$450 million to SK Siltron.

26 260. In addition, New DuPont has issued Notices of Intent to Sell relating to six non-
27 core segments (estimated by market analysts at approximately \$4.5 billion), as well as the
28 Transportation and Industrial Chemicals business, which had reported net sales revenue in 2019

1 of \$4.95 billion and estimated annual operating earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and
2 amortization of \$1.3 billion.

3 261. Old DuPont's parent holding company, Corteva—to which 29% of PFAS liabilities
4 are "allocated" under the DowDuPont Separation Agreement once certain conditions are
5 satisfied—holds as its primary tangible asset the intercompany debt owed to it by its wholly-owned
6 subsidiary, Old DuPont. But Old DuPont does not have sufficient tangible assets to satisfy this
7 debt obligation.

8 **MANUFACTURING DEFENDANTS' LIABILITY**

9 262. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege that, at all relevant
10 times alleged herein, despite such knowledge, Defendants, and each of them, acting through their
11 officers, directors, and managing agents for the purpose of enhancing Defendants' profits,
12 knowingly and deliberately failed to remedy the known defects in the Manufacturing Defendants'
13 products and failed to warn the public, including Plaintiffs, that the subject products were
14 inherently dangerous, and that there was an extreme risk of injury and harm occasioned by the
15 inherently dangerous nature of the products and defects inherent in the products. Defendants and
16 their individual agents, officers, and directors intentionally proceeded with the manufacturing,
17 sale, distribution and marketing of the subject products knowing that the public, including
18 Plaintiffs, would be exposed to harm and serious danger in order to advance Defendants' own
19 pecuniary interest and monetary profits.

20 263. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and therefore allege that, at all relevant times
21 alleged herein, the Manufacturing Defendants' conduct was despicable, and so contemptible that
22 it would be looked down upon and despised by ordinary decent people, and was carried on by the
23 Manufacturing Defendants with willful and conscious disregard for safety, entitling Plaintiffs to
24 exemplary damages under California Civil Code section 3294.

25 **3M AND DEFENDANT DECRA CORONA FACILITIES**

26 264. As noted in Paragraph 6 above, 3M owns and operates the 3M Corona Facility,
27 which occupies approximately 1,300 acres of land in the Temescal Canyon. According to its
28 website, 3M acquired the Corona site from the Blue Diamond Company in 1941. 3M began

1 manufacturing at that site in 1948.

2 265. 3M's business operations are comprised of four primary business groups: Safety
3 and Industrial, Transportation and Electronics, Health Care, and Consumer. The 3M Corona
4 Facility is part of 3M's Industrial Mineral Products Division, which is within the Safety and
5 Industry business group.

6 266. The 3M Corona Facility's primary products are colored and specialty ceramic
7 roofing granules for the asphalt shingle industry ("3M Corona Products"). 3M produces significant
8 volumes of these products at the 3M Corona Facility. For example, in 2011 alone, more than 414
9 million pounds of these materials were manufactured at this site.

10 267. 3M currently uses or in the past has used PFAS in the manufacturing of roofing
11 materials and holds several roofing-material patents that incorporate PFAS into the manufacturing
12 process.

13 268. Downgradient from the 3M Corona Facility, surface water and groundwater are
14 contaminated with high levels of PFAS, including PFOS and PFOA.

15 269. Upgradient from the plant, the PFAS concentrations are lower or non-detect.

16 270. The below images depict the Temescal Creek corridor along which the 3M Corona
17 Facility and DECRA Corona Facilities sit. Temescal Creek flows roughly southeast to northwest
18 as depicted in these images, so "upgradient" of the 3M Corona Facility would be the area depicted
19 outside of the images, below the 3M Corona Facility.

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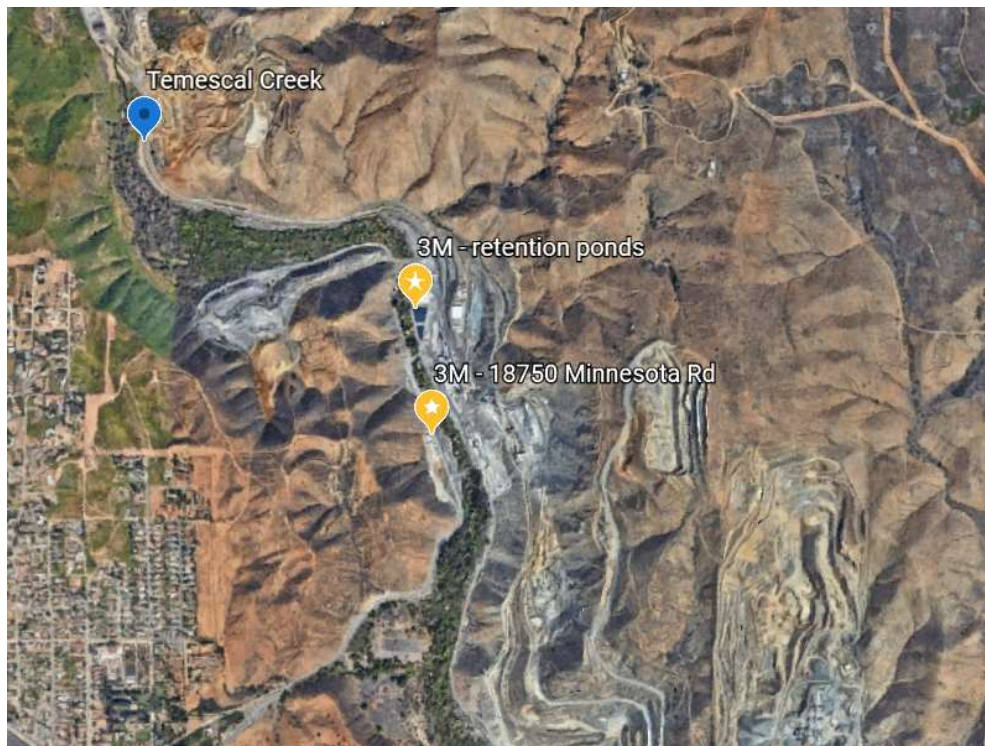
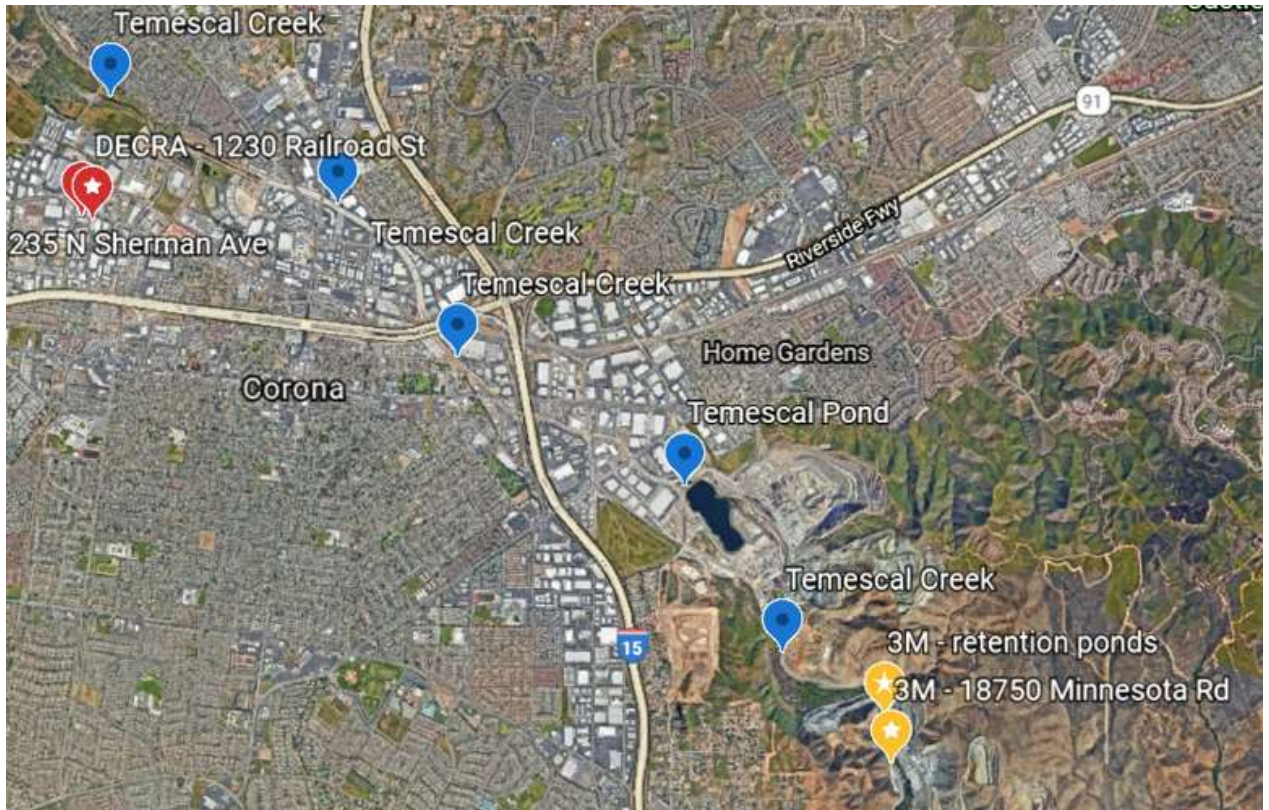
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271. At all relevant times, 3M failed and/or refused to report, investigate, control, and/or remediate PFAS disposed of, or otherwise released from, 3M's Corona Facility. As a direct and

1 proximate result thereof, Plaintiffs have suffered damages including but not limited to the
2 following:

- 3 A. Water from the Santa Ana River used for groundwater recharge has become
4 contaminated with PFOS and PFOA;
- 5 B. The Santa Ana River has become contaminated with PFOS and PFOA;
- 6 C. Other surface water and groundwater resources within the Basin have become
7 contaminated with PFOS and PFOA;
- 8 D. Water that has recharged the aquifers within the Basin has become contaminated
9 with PFOS and PFOA as recharged water has mixed with contaminated
10 groundwater; and
- 11 E. The Producers' drinking water supply wells have become contaminated with PFOS
12 and PFOA.

13 272. Despite awareness of the high levels of contamination, 3M failed to determine the
14 extent of the contamination and did not adequately remediate the offsite migration to prevent
15 contamination of drinking water wells or protect human health. 3M and its managing agents have
16 failed and refused to act to prevent contamination of surface water, groundwater, and drinking
17 water supplies with full knowledge that failure to do so would cause contamination of drinking
18 water supplies and property damage.

19 273. Upon information and belief Defendant DECRA maintains a manufacturing facility
20 at 1230 Railroad Street, Corona, California 92882 and a warehousing, shipping, and receiving
21 facility at an adjacent property at 235 N. Sherman Avenue, Corona, California 92882. Upon
22 information and belief Defendant DECRA purchases specialty roofing granules from the 3M
23 Corona Facility and then manufactures those 3M specialty roofing granules, which include PFAS
24 ingredients, into its DECRA Roofing Products that are warehoused at, then shipped from
25 Defendant DECRA's Corona, California facilities to customers throughout Plaintiffs' respective
26 service areas. On information and belief, Defendant DECRA's manufacture and storage of PFOA
27 and PFOS-containing roofing materials at the DECRA Corona Facilities has caused or contributed
28 to contamination of the Basin as well as the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells and the groundwaters

1 and aquifer that supply them with PFOA and PFOS, resulting in the damages alleged in this
2 complaint.

3 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**
4 **Strict Product Liability Based on Defective Design**
5 **(By all Plaintiffs against Manufacturing Defendants)**

6 274. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of
7 this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

8 275. The Manufacturing Defendants were engaged in the business of researching,
9 designing, formulating, handling, disposing, manufacturing, labeling, using, testing, distributing,
10 promoting, marketing, selling, and/or otherwise responsible for PFOA, PFOS, and/or products that
11 contain PFOA and/or PFOS, resulting in contamination of the environment, including the
12 groundwater within OCWD's territorial jurisdiction and that serves as a water source for OCWD,
13 the Producers, and their customers, thereby causing damage to Plaintiffs.

14 276. The Manufacturing Defendants' PFAS products were defective in design and
15 formulation when they left the hands of the Manufacturing Defendants.

16 277. When used in a foreseeable manner, the Manufacturing Defendants' products
17 resulted in the spillage, leaching, discharge, disposal, and/or release of PFOA and/or PFOS
18 resulting in contamination of surface water and groundwater.

19 278. At all times relevant to this action, the Manufacturing Defendants' PFOA and/or
20 PFOS and products that contain PFOA and/or PFOS were defective and inherently dangerous to
21 an extent beyond that which would be contemplated by the ordinary consumer, and/or the benefit
22 of the presence of PFOA and PFOS, if any, did not outweigh the risk of harm to public health and
23 welfare and the environment posed by the presence of PFOA and PFOS.

24 279. As a result of the Manufacturing Defendants' products, Plaintiffs have incurred, are
25 incurring, and/or will continue to incur investigation, sampling, remediation, treatment system
26 design, acquisition, installation, operations and maintenance, and other costs and damages related
27 to the contamination of the surface water, groundwater, replenishment water, drinking water
28 supply and the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells.

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1 280. As a direct and proximate result of the defects previously described, the surface
2 water and groundwater within OCWD's territorial jurisdiction, including groundwater that serves
3 as the source of water to the contaminated wells and surface water that serves as the source of
4 replenishment water for the Basin, is and will continue to be, contaminated with PFOA and/or
5 PFOS, causing damage to such groundwaters and causing Plaintiffs significant injury and property
6 damage. Restoration, repair, and/or remediation of the property damage alleged herein has required
7 Plaintiffs, and will continue to require Plaintiffs, to incur substantial costs and expenses in an
8 amount to be proved at trial.

9 281. The Manufacturing Defendants, when researching, designing, formulating,
10 handling, disposing, manufacturing, labeling, using, testing, distributing, promoting, marketing,
11 selling, and/or otherwise being responsible for PFOS and/or PFOA and/or products containing
12 PFOS and/or PFOA, anticipated and should have accounted for the foreseeable risks posed by their
13 PFAS products.

14 282. The Manufacturing Defendants are strictly, jointly, and severally liable for the
15 damages described in this Complaint.

16 283. The Manufacturing Defendants knew and/or should have known that it was
17 substantially certain that their alleged acts and omissions described in this Complaint would cause
18 injury and damage, including contamination of surface water and groundwater within OCWD's
19 territorial jurisdiction and the Producers' public water systems with PFOA and PFOA. The
20 Manufacturing Defendants committed each of the above-described acts and omissions knowingly,
21 willfully, and with oppression, fraud, and/or malice. Such conduct was performed to promote sales
22 of PFOA, PFOS and/or products that contain PFOA and/or PFOS and maximize profits, in
23 conscious disregard of the probable dangerous consequences of that conduct and its foreseeable
24 impact upon health, property and the environment, including the surface water, groundwater,
25 replenishment water, drinking water supply and the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells. Therefore,
26 Plaintiffs also request an award of exemplary damages in an amount that is sufficient to punish
27 these Manufacturing Defendants and that fairly reflects the aggravating circumstances alleged
28 herein.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
Strict Products Liability Based on Defective Design
(By all Plaintiffs against 3M and Defendant DECRA)

284. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

285. 3M's manufacturing activities at the Corona Facility since approximately the 1940s give rise to its liability in this cause of action.

286. Based on information and belief, 3M's Corona Products have contained and/or do contain PFOS and/or PFOA, during the time between the 1940s and today.

287. 3M's researching, designing, formulating, handling, disposing, manufacturing, labeling, using, testing, distributing, promoting, marketing, and selling 3M Corona Products that contain PFOA and/or PFOS resulted in contamination of the environment, including the groundwater within OCWD's territorial jurisdiction and that serves as a water source for OCWD, the Producers, and their customers, thereby causing damage to Plaintiffs.

288. 3M's Corona Products were defective in design and formulation when they left 3M's hands.

289. Based on information and belief, Defendant DECRA has an exclusive relationship with 3M for purchase of roofing granules manufactured by 3M that on information and belief contain PFOS and/or PFOA, which DECRA incorporates into its own products, warehouses them, and then ships its products throughout Plaintiffs' service areas, making DECRA strictly liable as a member of the manufacturing chain of these defective products.

290. When used in a foreseeable manner, 3M's Corona Products and DECRA's Roofing Products resulted in the spillage, leaching, discharge, disposal, and/or release of PFOA and/or PFOS resulting in contamination of surface water and groundwater.

291. At all times relevant to this action, 3M and DECRA's PFOA and/or PFOS containing Corona Products and Roofing Products were defective and inherently dangerous to an extent beyond which would be contemplated by the ordinary consumer, and/or benefit of the presence of PFOA and PFOS, if any, did not outweigh the risk of harm to the public health and welfare and the environment posed by the presence of PFOA and PFOS.

1 292. As a result of the 3M's Corona Products and DECRA's Roofing Products
2 containing PFOA and/or PFOS, Plaintiffs have incurred, are incurring, and/or will continue to
3 incur investigation, sampling, remediation, treatment system design, acquisition, installation,
4 operations and maintenance, and other costs and damages related to the contamination of the
5 surface water, groundwater, replenishment water, drinking water supply, effluent discharge,
6 disposal, and the Producers' contaminated wells.

7 293. As a direct and proximate result of the defects previously described, the surface
8 water and groundwater within OCWD's territorial jurisdiction, including groundwater that serves
9 as the source of water to the contaminated wells and surface water that serves as the source of
10 replenishment water for the Basin, is and will continue to be, contaminated with PFOA and/or
11 PFOS, causing damage to such groundwaters and causing Plaintiffs significant injury and property
12 damage. Restoration, repair, and/or remediation of the property damage alleged herein has required
13 Plaintiffs, and will continue to require Plaintiffs, to incur substantial costs and expenses in an
14 amount to be proved at trial.

15 294. 3M, when researching, designing, formulating, handling, disposing,
16 manufacturing, labeling, using, testing, distributing, promoting, marketing, selling, and/or
17 otherwise being responsible for its 3M Corona Products containing PFOS and/or PFOA,
18 anticipated and should have accounted for the foreseeable risks posed by their PFAS products.

19 295. 3M and Defendant DECRA are strictly, jointly, and severally liable for the damages
20 described in this Complaint.

21 296. 3M knew and/or should have known that it was substantially certain that their
22 alleged acts and omissions described in this Complaint would cause injury and damage, including
23 contamination of surface water and groundwater within OCWD's territorial jurisdiction and the
24 Producers' public water systems with PFOA and PFOA. 3M committed each of the above-
25 described acts and omissions knowingly, willfully, and with oppression, fraud, and/or malice. Such
26 conduct was performed to promote sales of PFOA, PFOS and/or products that contain PFOA
27 and/or PFOS and maximize profits, in conscious disregard of the probable dangerous
28 consequences of that conduct and its foreseeable impact upon health, property and the

1 environment, including the surface water, groundwater, replenishment water, drinking water
2 supply and the Producers contaminated wells. Therefore, Plaintiffs also request an award of
3 exemplary damages in an amount that is sufficient to punish 3M and that fairly reflects the
4 aggravating circumstances alleged herein.

5 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**
6 **Strict Products Liability Based on Failure to Warn**
7 **(By all Plaintiffs against Manufacturing Defendants)**

8 297. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set for in all previous paragraphs of this
9 Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

10 298. The Manufacturing Defendants were engaged in the business of researching,
11 designing, formulating, handling, disposing, manufacturing, labeling, using, testing, distributing,
12 promoting, marketing, selling, and/or otherwise responsible for PFOA, PFOS, and/or products that
13 contain PFOA and/or PFOS.

14 299. The Manufacturing Defendants represented, asserted, claimed, and warranted that
15 PFOA and PFOS and products containing PFOA and PFOS and/or their precursors did not require
16 any different or special handling or precautions to prevent risk and damage to human health and
17 the environment.

18 300. Products containing PFOA and PFOS manufactured and/or supplied by the
19 Manufacturing Defendants are defective and unreasonably dangerous products.

20 301. Despite knowing of the dangers associated with the reasonably foreseeable use of
21 their PFAS products, the Manufacturing Defendants failed to provide adequate or effective
22 warnings of the risks of PFOA and PFOS, and/or products containing PFOA and PFOS and/or
23 their precursors, to users, consumer, intermediaries, regulators, and any other party that could have
24 effectively reduced the risk of harm related to using PFOA and/or PFOS and products that contain
25 PFOA and/or PFOS, of the products' character and the care required to use and dispose of the
26 products safely.

27 302. PFOA and PFOS and/or products containing PFOA and PFOS, manufactured
28 and/or supplied by the Manufacturing Defendants, were used in a manner in which they were
foreseeably intended to be used.

303. Because of the gravity of the risks and the severity of the harm posed by the Manufacturing Defendants' products, and because of the unique and sophisticated dangers inherent in PFOS and/or PFOA and/or products containing PFOS and/or PFOA, the Manufacturing Defendants could and should have taken additional steps to ensure that adequate or effective warnings were communicated.

304. As a direct and proximate result of the Manufacturing Defendants' acts and omissions as alleged herein, Plaintiffs have suffered monetary losses and damages in amounts to be proven at trial.

305. The Manufacturing Defendants are strictly, jointly, and severally liable for the damages described above.

306. The Manufacturing Defendants knew and/or should have known that it was substantially certain that their alleged acts and omissions described in this Complaint would cause injury and damage, including contamination of surface water and groundwater and drinking water supplies with PFOA and PFOS. The Manufacturing Defendants committed each of the above-described acts and omissions knowingly, willfully, and with oppression, fraud, and/or malice. Such conduct was performed to promote sales of PFOA, PFOS and/or products that contain PFOA and/or PFOS and maximize profits, in conscious disregard of the probable dangerous consequences of that conduct and its foreseeable impact upon health, property and the environment, including but not limited to surface water and groundwater within OCWD's service area and Plaintiffs' contaminated wells. Therefore, Plaintiffs also request an award of exemplary damages in an amount that is sufficient to punish these Manufacturing Defendants and that fairly reflects the aggravating circumstances alleged herein.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION
Strict Products Liability Based on Failure to Warn
(By all Plaintiffs against 3M and Defendant DECRA)

307. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

308. 3M's manufacturing activities at the Corona Facility since approximately the 1940s give rise to its liability in this cause of action.

1 309. Based on information and belief, Defendant DECRA has an exclusive relationship
2 with 3M for purchase of roofing granules manufactured by 3M that on information and belief
3 contain PFOS and/or PFOA, which DECRA incorporates into its own products, warehouses them,
4 and then ships its products throughout Plaintiffs' service areas, making DECRA strictly liable as
5 a member of the manufacturing chain of these defective products.

6 310. Based on information and belief, 3M's Corona Products have contained and/or do
7 contain PFOS and/or PFOA, during the time between the 1940s and today.

8 311. 3M was engaged in the business of researching, designing, formulating, handling,
9 disposing, manufacturing, labeling, using, testing, distributing, promoting, marketing, selling,
10 and/or otherwise being responsible for its 3M Corona Products.

11 312. On information and belief, 3M represented, asserted, claimed, and warranted that
12 their 3M Corona Products did not require any different or special handling or precautions to
13 prevent risk and damage to human health and the environment.

14 313. Products containing PFOA and PFOS manufactured and/or supplied by the 3M are
15 defective and unreasonably dangerous products.

16 314. Despite knowing of the dangers associated with the reasonably foreseeable use of
17 their 3M Corona Products, 3M failed to provide adequate or effective warnings of the risks of
18 PFOA and PFOS and/or their precursors, to users, consumer, regulators, and any other party that
19 could have effectively reduced the risk of harm related to using PFOA and/or PFOS and products
20 that contain PFOA and/or PFOS, of the products' character and the care required to use and dispose
21 of the products safely.

22 315. 3M's Corona Products were used in a manner in which they were foreseeably
23 intended to be used.

24 316. Because of the gravity of the risks and the severity of the harm posed by the 3M's
25 Corona Products, and because of the unique and sophisticated dangers inherent in PFOS and/or
26 PFOA and/or products containing PFOS and/or PFOA, 3M could and should have taken additional
27 steps to ensure that adequate or effective warnings were communicated.

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317. As a direct and proximate result of 3M's acts and omissions as alleged herein, Plaintiffs have suffered monetary losses and damages in amounts to be proven at trial.

318. 3M and Defendant DECRA—as a member of 3M’s Corona Product chain of distribution—are strictly, jointly, and severally liable for the damages described above.

319. 3M knew and/or should have known that it was substantially certain that the alleged acts and omissions described in this Complaint would cause injury and damage, including contamination of surface water and groundwater and drinking water supplies with PFOA and PFOS. 3M committed each of the above-described acts and omissions knowingly, willfully, and with oppression, fraud, and/or malice. Such conduct was performed to promote sales of PFOA, PFOS and/or products that contain PFOA and/or PFOS and maximize profits, in conscious disregard of the probable dangerous consequences of that conduct and its foreseeable impact upon health, property and the environment, including but not limited to surface water and groundwater within OCWD's service area and Plaintiffs' contaminated wells. Therefore, Plaintiffs also request an award of exemplary damages in an amount that is sufficient to punish 3M and that fairly reflects the aggravating circumstances alleged herein.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
Continuing Trespass
(By all Plaintiffs against Manufacturing Defendants)

320. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

321. Each of the Plaintiffs holds possessory property rights and interests in various parcels of land that have been contaminated with PFAS.

322. The Producers own, possess, and actively exercise rights to extract and use groundwater drawn from their contaminated wells.

323. OCWD appropriates surface water from multiple sources which is collected and contained, then added to the Basin to recharge it. OCWD maintains an appropriative right to reclaim or re-appropriate water it has recharged into the Basin.

324. The Manufacturing Defendants were engaged in the business of researching, designing, formulating, handling, disposing, manufacturing, labeling, using, testing, distributing,

1 promoting, marketing, selling, and/or otherwise being responsible for PFOS, PFOA, and/or
2 products that contain PFOS and/or PFOA and knew or should have known that the subsequent and
3 foreseeable use and disposal of those compounds and products would contaminate the groundwater
4 and drinking water supply wells. Thus, the Manufacturing Defendants intentionally, recklessly,
5 negligently or as the result of engaging in an extra-hazardous activity, caused noxious and
6 hazardous contaminants and pollutants to enter the surface water, groundwater, replenishment
7 water, and drinking water supply.

8 325. PFOA and PFOS manufactured and/or supplied by the Manufacturing Defendants
9 continue to be located on or in Plaintiffs' property, and the surface water, groundwater,
10 replenishment water, and drinking water supply within OCWD's territorial jurisdiction, including
11 the groundwater that supplies water to the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells.

12 326. Plaintiffs did not, and do not, consent to the trespass alleged herein. The
13 Manufacturing Defendants knew or reasonably should have known that Plaintiffs would not
14 consent to this trespass.

15 327. The contamination of Plaintiffs' surface water, groundwater, and wells alleged
16 herein has not yet ceased. PFOA and PFOS continue to migrate into and enter groundwater within
17 OCWD's territorial jurisdiction and Plaintiffs' contaminated wells.

18 328. As a direct and proximate result of the Manufacturing Defendants' acts and
19 omissions as alleged herein, the surface water, groundwater, replenishment water, and drinking
20 water supply have been, and continue to be, contaminated with PFOA and PFOS, causing Plaintiffs
21 significant injury and damage.

22 329. As a direct and proximate result of these Manufacturing Defendants' acts and
23 omissions as alleged herein, Plaintiffs have incurred, are incurring, and will continue to incur,
24 investigation, treatment, remediation, monitoring, and disposal costs and expenses related to the
25 contamination of groundwater within OCWD's territorial jurisdiction and Plaintiffs' contaminated
26 wells in an amount to be proved at trial.

27 330. As a further direct and proximate result of the Manufacturing Defendants' acts and
28 omissions as alleged herein, Plaintiffs seek the value of the use of their property for the time of the

1 wrongful occupation, the reasonable costs of repair or restoration of all of Plaintiffs' property to
2 its original condition, costs associated with recovering the possession, any benefits or profits
3 obtained by Manufacturing Defendants related to the trespass under *Starrh & Starrh Cotton*
4 *Growers v. Aera Energy LLC* (2007) 153 Cal. App. 4th 583, and all other damages and remedies
5 allowable under California Civil Code § 3334 and California law. The Manufacturing Defendants
6 knew and/or should have known that it was substantially certain that their alleged acts and
7 omissions described in this Complaint would cause injury and damage, including contamination
8 of drinking water supplies with PFOA and PFOS. The Manufacturing Defendants committed each
9 of the above-described acts and omissions knowingly, willfully, and with oppression, fraud, and/or
10 malice. Such conduct was performed to promote sales of PFOA, PFOS and/or products that contain
11 PFOA and/or PFOS and maximize profits, in conscious disregard of the probable dangerous
12 consequences of that conduct and its foreseeable impact upon health, property, and the
13 environment, including groundwater within OCWD's territorial jurisdiction and Plaintiffs'
14 contaminated wells. Therefore, Plaintiffs also request an award of exemplary damages in an
15 amount that is sufficient to punish these Manufacturing Defendants and that fairly reflects the
16 aggravating circumstances alleged herein.

17 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
18 **Continuing Trespass – 3M and DECRA Corona Facilities**
(By all Plaintiffs against 3M and Defendant DECRA)

19 331. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of
20 this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

21 332. Each of the Plaintiffs holds possessory property rights and interests in various
22 parcels of land that have been contaminated with PFAS.

23 333. The Producers own, possess, and actively exercise rights to extract and use
24 groundwater drawn from their contaminated wells.

25 334. OCWD appropriates surface and groundwater from multiple sources which is
26 collected and contained, then added to the Basin to recharge it. OCWD maintains an appropriative
27 right to reclaim or re-appropriate water it has recharged into a river or the Basin.

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1 335. Through the operation, management, and maintenance of the 3M Corona Facility,
2 Defendant 3M intentionally, recklessly, or negligently caused PFOA and/or PFOS to enter the
3 surface water, groundwater, replenishment water, and drinking water supply, and 3M knew or
4 should have known that the use and disposal of those compounds and products would contaminate
5 the surface water, groundwater, replenishment water, and drinking water supply. Thus, 3M
6 intentionally, recklessly, negligently or as the result of engaging in an extra-hazardous activity,
7 was a substantial factor in causing noxious and hazardous contaminants and pollutants to enter the
8 surface water, groundwater, replenishment water, and drinking water supply.

9 336. PFOA and PFOS released, deposited, or disposed of by 3M at the 3M Corona
10 Facility continues to be located on or in Plaintiffs' property, and the surface water, groundwater,
11 replenishment water, and drinking water supply.

12 337. Plaintiffs did not and do not consent to the trespass alleged herein. 3M individually
13 knew or reasonably should have known that Plaintiffs would not consent to this trespass.

14 338. The contamination of Plaintiffs' surface water, groundwater and wells alleged
15 herein has not yet ceased. PFOA and PFOS continues to migrate into and enter the Plaintiffs'
16 contaminated wells, surface water, groundwater, and replenishment water.

17 339. Based on information and belief, Defendant DECRA's own manufacturing,
18 storage, and distribution of PFAS products from its DECRA Corona Facilities caused and/or
19 contributed to an increase of production and distribution of PFAS-containing products in or around
20 the Basin, and/or the contamination from the 3M and DECRA Corona Facilities, contributing to
21 the damages the Plaintiffs seek.

22 340. As a direct and proximate result of 3M's and Defendant DECRA's acts and
23 omissions as alleged herein, the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells and the surface water, groundwater,
24 and replenishment water have been, and continue to be, contaminated with PFOA and PFOS,
25 causing Plaintiffs' significant injury and damage.

26 341. As a direct and proximate result of 3M's and DECRA's acts and omissions as
27 alleged herein, Plaintiffs have incurred, are incurring, and will continue to incur, investigation,
28 treatment, remediation, monitoring, and disposal costs and expenses related to the contamination

1 of the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells, surface water, groundwater, and replenishment water in an
2 amount to be proved at trial.

3 342. As a further direct and proximate result of 3M's and DECRA's acts and omissions
4 as alleged herein, Plaintiffs seek the value of the use of their property for the time of the wrongful
5 occupation, the reasonable costs of repair or restoration of all of Plaintiffs' property to its original
6 condition, costs associated with recovering the possession, any benefits or profits obtained by
7 Manufacturing Defendants related to the trespass under *Starrh & Starrh Cotton Growers v. Aera*
8 *Energy LLC* (2007) 153 Cal. App. 4th 583, and all other damages and remedies allowable under
9 California Civil Code § 3334 and California law.

10 343. Defendant 3M knew and/or should have known that it was substantially certain that
11 its alleged acts and omissions described in this Complaint would cause injury and damage,
12 including contamination of surface water, groundwater, replenishment water, and drinking water
13 supply with PFOA and PFOS.

14 344. Defendant 3M committed each of the above-described acts and omissions
15 knowingly, willfully, and with oppression, fraud, and/or malice. Such conduct was performed in
16 conscious disregard of the probable dangerous consequences of that conduct and its foreseeable
17 impact upon health, property, and the environment, including the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells,
18 surface water, groundwater, and replenishment water. Therefore, Plaintiffs also request an award
19 of exemplary damages in an amount that is sufficient to punish 3M and that fairly reflects the
20 aggravating circumstances alleged herein.

21 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
22 **Public and Private Nuisance**
(By all Plaintiffs against Manufacturing Defendants)

23 345. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of
24 this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

25 346. OCWD is responsible for managing the vast groundwater basin that provides most
26 of northern and central Orange County's drinking water. As part of its groundwater management,
27 OCWD owns, manages and/or maintains aquifer recharge systems to replace the water that is
28 pumped from wells belonging to local water agencies, cities and other groundwater users.

1 347. The Producers are the owners of land, easements, and water rights which permit
2 them to extract groundwater for use in their respective public water systems.

3 348. The actions of the Manufacturing Defendants as alleged herein, have resulted in the
4 continuing contamination of the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells, surface water, groundwater and
5 replenishment water with PFOA and PFOS, and such contamination is a public nuisance as defined
6 in California Civil Code section 3479, California Civil Code section 3480, California Health and
7 Safety Code section 5410, and California Water Code section 13050, and is reasonably abatable
8 and varies over time. Each Manufacturing Defendant has caused, maintained, assisted and/or
9 participated in such nuisance, and is a substantial contributor to such nuisance.

10 349. The actions of the Manufacturing Defendants constitute a nuisance in that the
11 contamination of groundwater and drinking water is injurious to public health, is indecent or
12 offensive to the senses and is an obstruction to the Plaintiffs' free use of their property, so as to
13 interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property. The contamination of the Plaintiffs'
14 contaminated wells, surface water, groundwater, and replenishment water significantly affects, at
15 the same time, a considerable number of people in an entire community.

16 350. By its design, the Manufacturing Defendants' PFOA and PFOS, and products
17 containing PFOA and PFOS, are known by Manufacturing Defendants to contain compounds that
18 will likely be discharged to the environment in a manner that will create a nuisance and further
19 failed to properly instruct intermediaries and end-users to properly use and dispose of such
20 contaminants in such a manner that not create or contribute to the creation of a nuisance.

21 351. The Manufacturing Defendants knew, or should have known, of the harmful effects
22 and adverse impacts that exposure to PFOA and/or PFOS would have on the environment and
23 human health.

24 352. The Manufacturing Defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in causing the
25 creation of the nuisance at issue by marketing and promoting the use of PFOA and PFOS in a
26 manner and directing and instructing intermediaries and end users of its products to dispose of
27 products and materials containing PFOA and PFOS improperly and in a manner that
28 Manufacturing Defendants knew or should have known would result in the contamination of the

1 Plaintiffs' contaminated wells, public water systems, replenishment system, surface water,
2 groundwater, and replenishment water.

3 353. The Manufacturing Defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in causing the
4 harm suffered by Plaintiffs as a result of the contamination nuisance described herein. As a result
5 of the Manufacturing Defendants' acts and omissions as alleged herein, the Plaintiffs'
6 contaminated wells, surface water, groundwater, and replenishment water have been, and continue
7 to be, contaminated with PFOA and PFOS, causing each Plaintiff significant injury and damage.
8 As a result of the Manufacturing Defendants' acts and omissions as alleged herein, Plaintiffs have
9 incurred, are incurring, and will continue to incur, investigation, treatment, remediation,
10 monitoring, and disposal costs and expenses related to the PFOA and PFOS contamination of the
11 Plaintiffs' contaminated wells, surface water, groundwater, and replenishment water in an amount
12 to be proved at trial.

13 354. Furthermore, as a result of the Manufacturing Defendants' acts and omissions as
14 alleged herein, the contamination of the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells, surface water,
15 groundwater, and replenishment water constitutes a continuing public nuisance because it is
16 reasonably abatable and because the groundwater contamination at issue continues to migrate,
17 move, and spread onto, into, across, and through the Basin and to impact Plaintiffs' public water
18 systems, and its impact has thus varied, and continues to vary, over time.

19 355. The Manufacturing Defendants have continued and will continue, unless restrained
20 by this Court, to maintain the nuisance by failing to investigate, remove, and remediate the
21 environmental contamination they are responsible for. Unless the Manufacturing Defendants are
22 restrained by order of this Court from continuing their non-responsive course of conduct and
23 failure to abate the contamination they have caused, it will be necessary for the Plaintiffs to
24 commence many successive actions against the Manufacturing Defendants, and each of them, to
25 secure compensation for damage sustained, thus requiring a multiplicity of suits.

26 356. The Manufacturing Defendants are jointly and severally responsible to take such
27 action as is necessary to abate the public nuisance and to take such action as is necessary to ensure
28 that the PFOA and PFOS that contaminate the aquifers supplying water to the contaminated wells

1 do not present a risk to the public.

2 357. Plaintiffs have been specially damaged because the Manufacturing Defendants'
3 acts and omissions have unreasonably interfered with, and continue to interfere with, Plaintiffs'
4 use and enjoyment of their property rights, water rights, interests in replenishment water, and
5 public water systems, and have suffered and continue to suffer significant damages and injuries,
6 including but not limited to, incurring costs related to the investigation, sampling, treatment system
7 design, acquisition, installation, operations and maintenance, and other costs and damages related
8 to the detection and remediation of the PFAS contamination of water supply and water
9 replenishment systems.

10 358. Plaintiffs did not and do not consent to the public nuisance alleged herein. The
11 Manufacturing Defendants knew or reasonably should have known that Plaintiffs would not
12 consent to this public nuisance.

13 359. As a direct and proximate result of the nuisance, Plaintiffs have been damaged
14 within the three years preceding the filing of this lawsuit and are entitled to the compensatory
15 damages alleged herein in an amount to be proven at trial, or to such other appropriate relief as the
16 District may elect at trial, including, but not limited to, equitable relief in the form of an order
17 requiring the Manufacturing Defendants to abate the nuisance.

18 360. The Manufacturing Defendants knew and/or should have known that it was
19 substantially certain that their alleged acts and omissions described in this Complaint would cause
20 injury and damage, including contamination of the contaminated wells, surface water,
21 groundwater, and replenishment water with PFOA and PFOA.

22 361. The Manufacturing Defendants committed each of the above-described acts and
23 omissions knowingly, willfully, and with oppression, fraud, and/or malice. Such conduct was
24 performed to promote sales of PFOA, PFOS and/or products that contain PFOA and/or PFOS and
25 maximize profits, in conscious disregard of the probable dangerous consequences of that conduct
26 and its foreseeable impact upon health, property and the environment, including Plaintiffs' water
27 supply and water replenishment systems. Therefore, Plaintiffs also request an award of exemplary
28 damages in an amount that is sufficient to punish these Defendants and that fairly reflects the

1 aggravating circumstances alleged herein.

2 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
3 **Public and Private Nuisance – 3M and DECRA Corona Facilities**
4 **(By all Plaintiffs against 3M and Defendant DECRA)**

5 362. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of
6 this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

7 363. Plaintiffs are the owners of land, easements, and water rights which permit them to
8 extract groundwater for use in their respective public water systems and to capture surface water
9 to recharge and replenish the groundwater basin.

10 364. The operation, management, and maintenance of the 3M Corona Facility and
11 DECRA Corona Facilities have resulted in the continuing contamination of the Plaintiffs'
12 contaminated wells, surface water, groundwater, and replenishment water by PFOA and PFOS.
13 Such contamination is a public nuisance as defined in California Civil Code section 3479,
14 California Civil Code section 3480, California Health and Safety Code section 5410, and
15 California Water Code section 13050, and is reasonably abatable and varies over time. 3M has
16 caused, maintained, assisted and/or participated in such nuisance, and is a substantial contributor
17 to such nuisance.

18 365. The actions of 3M and DECRA through the operation, management, and
19 maintenance of the 3M Corona Facility and DECRA Corona Facilities constitute a nuisance; in
20 that, the contamination of the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells, surface water, groundwater, and
21 replenishment water is injurious to public health, is indecent or offensive to the senses and is an
22 obstruction to the Plaintiffs' free use of their property, so as to interfere with the comfortable
23 enjoyment of life or property. The contamination of the groundwater and public drinking water
24 supply significantly affects, at the same time, a considerable number of people in an entire
25 community.

26 366. Defendant 3M was at all relevant times aware that PFAS compounds will likely be
27 discharged to the environment in a manner that will create a nuisance and failed to properly use
28 and dispose of such contaminants in such a manner that not create or contribute to the creation of
 a nuisance.

1 367. Defendant 3M and Defendant DECRA, through their operation, management, and
2 maintenance of the 3M Corona Facility and DECRA Corona Facilities, knew, or should have
3 known, of the harmful effects and adverse impacts that exposure to PFOA and/or PFOS would
4 have on the environment and human health.

5 368. Based on information and belief, the actions of DECRA through the operation,
6 management, and maintenance of the DECRA Corona Facilities constitute a nuisance in that the
7 contamination of the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells, surface water, groundwater, and
8 replenishment water is injurious to public health, is indecent or offensive to the senses and is an
9 obstruction to the Plaintiffs' free use of their property, so as to interfere with the comfortable
10 enjoyment of life or property. The contamination of the groundwater and public drinking water
11 supply significantly affects, at the same time, a considerable number of people in an entire
12 community. Defendant DECRA further caused and/or contributed to the increase of production
13 and distribution of PFAS-containing products in or around the Basin, and/or the contamination
14 from the DECRA and 3M Corona Facilities, contributing to the damages Plaintiffs seek.

15 369. Defendant 3M and Defendant DECRA, through their operation, management, and
16 maintenance of the 3M Corona Facility and DECRA Corona Facilities, caused or contributed to
17 the creation of the nuisance at issue by releasing or disposing of products and materials containing
18 PFOA and PFOS in a manner that 3M and DECRA knew or should have known would result in
19 the contamination of the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells, surface water, groundwater, and
20 replenishment water.

21 370. Defendant 3M's and Defendant DECRA's conduct was a substantial factor is
22 causing the harm suffered by Plaintiffs as a result of the contamination nuisance described herein.
23 As a result of 3M's and DECRA's acts and omissions as alleged herein, the Plaintiffs'
24 contaminated wells, surface water, groundwater, and replenishment water have been, and continue
25 to be, contaminated with PFOA and PFOS, causing each Plaintiff significant injury and damage.
26 As a result of 3M's and DECRA's acts and omissions as alleged herein, Plaintiffs have incurred,
27 are incurring, and will continue to incur, investigation, treatment, remediation, monitoring, and
28 disposal costs and expenses related to the PFOA and PFOS contamination of the Plaintiffs'

1 contaminated wells, surface water, groundwater, and replenishment water in an amount to be
2 proved at trial.

3 371. Furthermore, as a result of Defendant 3M's and Defendant DECRA's acts and
4 omissions as alleged herein, the contamination of the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells, surface water,
5 groundwater, and replenishment water constitutes a continuing public nuisance because it is
6 reasonably abatable and because the groundwater contamination at issue continues to migrate,
7 move, and spread onto, into, across, and through the Basin and to impact Plaintiffs' public water
8 systems, and its impact has thus varied, and continues to vary, over time.

9 372. Defendant 3M and Defendant DECRA have continued and will continue, unless
10 restrained by this Court, to maintain the nuisance by failing to investigate, remove, and remediate
11 the environmental contamination it is responsible for. Unless the 3M and DECRA are restrained
12 by order of this Court from continuing their non-responsive course of conduct and failure to abate
13 the contamination they have caused, it will be necessary for the Plaintiffs to commence many
14 successive actions against 3M and DECRA, to secure compensation for damage sustained, thus
15 requiring a multiplicity of suits.

16 373. Defendant 3M and Defendant DECRA are responsible to take such action as is
17 necessary to abate the public nuisance and to take such action as is necessary to ensure that the
18 PFOA and PFOS that contaminate the aquifers supplying water to the Providers' public water
19 systems do not present a risk to the public.

20 374. Plaintiffs have been specially damaged because Defendant 3M's and Defendant
21 DECRA's acts and omissions have unreasonably interfered with, and continue to interfere with,
22 Plaintiffs' use and enjoyment of the aquifer and their public replenishment and public water
23 systems and have suffered and continue to suffer significant damages and injuries, including but
24 not limited to, investigation, sampling, remediation, treatment system design, acquisition,
25 installation, operations and maintenance, and other costs and damages related to the contamination
26 of the surface water, groundwater, replenishment water, drinking water supply, effluent discharge,
27 disposal, and the Producers' contaminated wells.

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1 375. Plaintiffs did not and do not consent to the public nuisance alleged herein.
2 Defendant 3M and Defendant DECRA knew or reasonably should have known that Plaintiffs
3 would not consent to this public nuisance.

4 376. As a direct and proximate result of the nuisance, Plaintiffs have been damaged,
5 including but not limited to damages suffered within the three years preceding the filing of this
6 lawsuit and are entitled to the compensatory damages alleged herein in an amount to be proven at
7 trial, or to such other appropriate relief as the District may elect at trial, including, but not limited
8 to, equitable relief in the form of an order requiring Defendant 3M and Defendant DECRA to abate
9 the nuisance.

10 377. Defendant 3M and Defendant DECRA knew and/or should have known that it was
11 substantially certain that its alleged acts and omissions described in this Complaint would cause
12 injury and damage, including contamination of the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells, surface water,
13 groundwater, and replenishment water with PFOA and PFOS.

14 378. Defendant 3M committed each of the above-described acts and omissions
15 knowingly, willfully, and with oppression, fraud, and/or malice. Such conduct was performed in
16 conscious disregard of the probable dangerous consequences of that conduct and its foreseeable
17 impact upon health, property and the environment, including the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells,
18 surface water, groundwater, and replenishment water. Therefore, Plaintiffs also request an award
19 of exemplary damages in an amount that is sufficient to punish 3M and that fairly reflects the
20 aggravating circumstances alleged herein.

21 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
22 **NEGLIGENCE**
23 **(By all Plaintiffs against the Manufacturing Defendants)**

24 379. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of
25 this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

26 380. The Manufacturing Defendants had a duty to the Plaintiffs to exercise due care in
27 the researching, designing, formulating, handling, disposing, manufacturing, labeling, using,
28 testing, distributing, promoting, marketing, selling and instructions for the use and disposal of
PFOA and PFOS and products containing PFOA and PFOS.

1 381. The Manufacturing Defendants breached their duty of care in that they negligently,
2 carelessly, and/or recklessly researched, designed, formulated, handled, disposed, manufactured,
3 labeled, used, tested, distributed, promoted, marketed, sold and/or instructed for use and disposal
4 of PFOA and PFOS and products containing PFOA and PFOS and directly and proximately caused
5 PFOA and PFOS contamination of the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells, surface water, groundwater,
6 and replenishment water in an amount to be proved at trial.

7 382. The Manufacturing Defendants breached their duty of care in that they negligently,
8 carelessly, and/or recklessly researched, designed, formulated, handled, disposed, manufactured,
9 labeled, used, tested, distributed, promoted, marketed, sold and/or instructed for use and disposal
10 of PFOA and PFOS and products containing PFOA and PFOS when they knew, or should have
11 known, that PFOA and PFOS would: (i) be released into the environment from industrial,
12 commercial and consumer uses and sources; (ii) be released and contaminate the Plaintiffs'
13 contaminated wells, surface water, groundwater, and replenishment water.

14 383. Despite their knowledge that contamination with PFOA and PFOS was the
15 inevitable consequence of their conduct as alleged herein, the Manufacturing Defendants failed to
16 provide reasonable warnings or special instructions, failed to take other reasonable precautionary
17 measures to prevent or mitigate such contamination, and/or affirmatively misrepresented the
18 hazards of PFOA and PFOS in their product information and/or instructions for use.

19 384. As a direct and proximate result of the Manufacturing Defendants' acts and
20 omissions as alleged herein, the Plaintiffs have suffered monetary losses and damages in amounts
21 to be proven at trial. The Manufacturing Defendants knew and/or should have known that it was
22 substantially certain that their alleged acts and omissions described in this Complaint would cause
23 injury and damage, including contamination of the contaminated wells, surface water,
24 groundwater, and replenishment water with PFOA and PFOS.

25 385. The Manufacturing Defendants committed each of the above-described acts and
26 omissions knowingly, willfully, and with oppression, fraud, and/or malice. Such conduct was
27 performed to promote sales of PFOA, PFOS and/or products that contain PFOA and/or PFOS and
28 maximize profits, in conscious disregard of the probable dangerous consequences of that conduct

1 and its foreseeable impact upon health, property and the environment, including Plaintiffs' water
2 supply and water replenishment systems. Therefore, Plaintiffs also request an award of exemplary
3 damages in an amount that is sufficient to punish the Manufacturing Defendants and that fairly
4 reflects the aggravating circumstances alleged herein.

5 **TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
6 **NEGLIGENCE – 3M AND DECRA CORONA FACILITIES**
7 **(By all Plaintiffs against 3M and Defendant DECRA)**

8 386. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of
9 this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

10 387. Defendant 3M and Defendant DECRA had a duty to use due care in the handling,
11 control, disposal, release, remediation, and use of PFOS and PFOA at and from their Corona
12 Facilities.

13 388. Defendant 3M and Defendant DECRA negligently, carelessly, and recklessly
14 handled, controlled, failed to control, disposed, released, remediated or failed to remediate, and
15 used PFOS and PFOA, and products containing PFOS and PFOA, that it contaminated, threatened,
16 and polluted the Basin and the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells and the groundwaters and aquifer
17 that supply them with PFOA and PFOS, resulting in the damages alleged in this complaint.

18 389. 3M, among other things, negligently, carelessly, and recklessly failed to, and is
19 negligently, carelessly, and recklessly failing to (i) prevent spills, leaks, disposal, discharges and
20 releases of PFOS and PFOA through the use of appropriate technology; (ii) install and maintain
21 systems to prevent spills, leaks, disposal, discharges, and releases, and facilitate prompt detection
22 and containment of any spills, leaks, disposal, discharges, and releases; (iii) monitor and discover
23 spills, leaks, disposal, discharges, and releases as soon as possible; (iv) warn those who may be
24 injured as a result of spills, leaks, disposal, discharges and releases; and (v) clean up, contain and
25 abate spills, leaks, disposal, discharges, and releases to prevent harm and injury to the Plaintiffs.

26 390. 3M knew, or should have known, that its activities would spill, leak, discharge, and
27 release PFOS and PFOA into the soil and contaminate surface water and groundwater.

28 391. As a direct and proximate result of 3M's past and ongoing acts and omissions as
alleged herein, Plaintiffs have incurred, including but not limited to within the three years

1 preceding the filing of this lawsuit, are incurring, and will continue to incur, investigation,
2 remediation, treatment, and disposal costs and expenses required to restore groundwater and
3 drinking water resources, and other damages as alleged herein, in an amount to be proved at trial.

4 392. 3M knew and/or should have known that it was substantially certain that its alleged
5 acts and omissions described in this Complaint would cause injury and damage, including
6 contamination of the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells, surface water, groundwater, and
7 replenishment water with PFOA and PFOS. 3M committed each of the above-described acts and
8 omissions knowingly, willfully, and with oppression, fraud, and/or malice. Such conduct was
9 performed in conscious disregard of the probable dangerous consequences of that conduct and its
10 foreseeable impact upon health, property and the environment, including the contaminated wells,
11 surface water, groundwater, and replenishment water. Therefore, Plaintiffs also request an award
12 of exemplary damages in an amount that is sufficient to punish 3M and that fairly reflects the
13 aggravating circumstances alleged herein.

14 393. Upon information and belief Defendant DECRA maintains a manufacturing facility
15 at 1230 Railroad Street, Corona, California 92882 and a warehousing, shipping, and receiving
16 facility at an adjacent property at 235 N. Sherman Avenue, Corona, California 92882. Upon
17 information and belief Defendant DECRA purchases specialty roofing granules from the 3M
18 Corona Facility and then manufactures those 3M specialty roofing granules, which include PFAS
19 ingredients, into its DECRA Roofing Products that are warehoused at, then shipped from
20 Defendant DECRA's Corona, California facilities to customers throughout Plaintiffs' respective
21 service areas. On information and belief, Defendant DECRA's manufacture and storage of PFOA
22 and PFOS-containing roofing materials has caused or contributed to contamination of the Basin as
23 well as the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells and the groundwaters and aquifer that supply them with
24 PFOA and PFOS, resulting in the damages alleged in this complaint.

25 394. On information and belief, Defendant DECRA's acts and omissions operating its
26 Corona facilities are similar to 3M's acts and omissions operating its 3M Corona Facility as set
27 forth above.

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ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
OCWD Act Section 8
(By OCWD against Manufacturing Defendants)

395. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

396. The OCWD Act authorizes OCWD to “expend available funds to perform any cleanup, abatement, or remedial work required under the circumstances which, in the determination of the board of directors, is required by the magnitude of the endeavor or the urgency of prompt action needed to prevent, abate, or contain any threatened or existing contamination of, or pollution to, the surface or groundwaters of the district. This action may be taken in default of, or in addition to, remedial work by the person causing the contamination or pollution, or other persons.” (OCWD Act § 8(b)).

397. The Act further provides “the contamination or pollution is cleaned up or contained, the effects thereof abated, or in the case of threatened contamination or pollution, other necessary remedial action is taken, the person causing or threatening to cause that contamination or pollution shall be liable to the district to the extent of the reasonable costs actually incurred in cleaning up or containing the contamination or pollution, abating the effects of the contamination or pollution, or taking other remedial action. The amount of those costs, together with court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be recoverable in a civil action by, and paid to, the district.” (OCWD Act § 8(c)).

398. OCWD’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) has determined that investigation and remedial work is required given the magnitude of PFAS contamination and the potential impacts to public health, as described in this Complaint, and that prompt action is needed and legally required to clean up or contain the contamination or pollution, abate the effects of the contamination or pollution, or take other remedial action to prevent, abate, contain, and dispose of threatened and existing contamination. The Board has authorized the expenditure of funds to conduct such investigation and remediation and has authorized action to recover all costs and damages associated with such contamination.

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1 399. The Manufacturing Defendants caused OCWD to conduct investigations into the
2 quality of the groundwater within OCWD's territorial jurisdiction to determine whether those
3 waters are contaminated or polluted with PFAS at a substantial cost to OCWD in an amount to be
4 proved at trial.

5 400. Defendants caused OCWD to perform cleanup, abatement, and/or remedial work
6 needed to prevent, abate, and/or contain threatened or existing contamination of, or pollution to,
7 the groundwater, including the aquifer, within OCWD's territorial jurisdiction, all at a substantial
8 cost to OCWD an amount to be proved at trial.

9 401. In addition, Defendant 3M, through its operation, management, and maintenance
10 of the 3M Corona Facility, was a substantial factor in causing the contamination of the
11 groundwater, and has caused OCWD to perform cleanup, abatement, and/or remedial work needed
12 to prevent, abate, and/or contain threatened or existing contamination of, or pollution to, the
13 groundwater, including the aquifer, within OCWD's territorial jurisdiction, all at a substantial cost
14 to OCWD an amount to be proved at trial.

15 402. As a direct and proximate cause of the Defendants' acts and omission, OCWD
16 initiated a program to assess, evaluate, investigate, monitor, abate, clean up, correct, contain the
17 contamination of the aquifer and remove PFOS and PFOA from drinking water being served to
18 citizens and businesses, and/or take other necessary remedial action, all at significant expense,
19 cost, loss, and damage in amounts to be proved at trial.

20 403. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions alleged in this Complaint,
21 the OCWD has and/or will incur substantially increased expenses, all to OCWD's damage, in an
22 amount to be proved at trial. OCWD has and will incur costs and attorney's fees prosecuting this
23 action. OCWD is entitled to recover all such damages, together with court costs and reasonable
24 attorney's fees, in this action.

25 404. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' conduct, OCWD is entitled to
26 recover all past, present, and future response costs, together with interest from the Defendants, as
27 well as damages for injury, loss, and damages to natural resources.

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TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
OCWD Act section 2(9)
(By OCWD against Manufacturing Defendants and Defendant DECRA)

405. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

406. The Act authorizes OCWD to maintain, in the name of the District, an action to prevent interference with water or water rights used or useful to lands within the District, or diminution of the quantity or pollution or contamination of the water supply of the District, or to prevent any interference with the water or water rights used or useful in the district which may endanger or damage the inhabitants, lands, or use of water in the district.

407. The actions of the Manufacturing Defendants as alleged herein, have resulted in the continuing contamination of the Basin and Plaintiffs' contaminated wells and the groundwaters and aquifer that supply them by PFOA and PFOS. Each Defendant has caused, maintained, assisted and/or participated in such contamination, and is a substantial contributor to such contamination.

408. In addition, Defendant 3M and Defendant DECRA, through their operation, management, and maintenance of the 3M Corona Facility and DECRA Corona Facilities, have caused the continuing contamination of the Basin and the Plaintiffs' contaminated wells and the groundwaters and aquifer that supply them with PFOA and PFOS. Each Defendant has caused, maintained, assisted and/or participated in such contamination, and is a substantial contributor to such contamination.

409. The contamination of groundwater and drinking water is injurious to public health, is indecent or offensive to the senses and is an obstruction to the Plaintiffs' free use of its property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property. The contamination of the groundwater and public drinking water supply significantly affects, at the same time, a considerable number of people in an entire community.

410. These Defendants caused OCWD to conduct investigations into the quality of the groundwater within OCWD's territorial jurisdiction to determine whether those waters are contaminated or polluted with PFAS at a substantial cost to OCWD in an amount to be proved at trial.

1 411. Defendants caused OCWD to perform cleanup, abatement, and/or remedial work
2 needed to prevent, abate, and/or contain threatened or existing contamination of, or pollution to,
3 the groundwater, including the aquifer, within OCWD's territorial jurisdiction, all at a substantial
4 cost to OCWD in an amount to be proved at trial.

5 412. As a direct and proximate cause of the Defendants' acts and omissions, OCWD
6 initiated a program to assess, evaluate, investigate, monitor, abate, remediate, remove, treat, clean
7 up, correct, contain, and/or take other necessary remedial action, all at significant expense, cost,
8 loss, and damage in amounts to be proved at trial.

9 413. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions alleged in this Complaint,
10 OCWD has incurred and/or will incur substantially increased expenses, all to OCWD's damage,
11 in an amount to be proved at trial. OCWD has incurred and will incur costs and attorney's fees
12 prosecuting this action. OCWD is entitled to recover all such damages, together with court costs
13 and reasonable attorney's fees, in this action.

14 414. As a direct and proximate result of the defendant's conduct, OCWD is entitled to
15 recover all past, present, and future response costs, together with interest from these Defendants.

16 **THIRTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
17 **Declaratory Relief**
18 **(By all Plaintiffs against Manufacturing Defendants and Defendant DECRA)**

19 415. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of
20 this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

21 416. The Manufacturing Defendants knew, or should have known, that PFAS, when
22 used in a foreseeable and intended manner, were dangerous and created an unreasonable and
23 excessive risk of harm to human health and the environment.

24 417. The Manufacturing Defendants intentionally, willfully, deliberately and/or
25 negligently failed to properly handle, control, dispose, and release noxious and hazardous
26 contaminants and pollutants, such that Defendants created substantial and unreasonable threats to
27 human health and the environment, which resulted from the foreseeable and intended use and
28 storage of PFAS and products containing those substances.

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1 418. In addition, Defendant 3M and Defendant DECRA, through their operation,
2 management, and maintenance of the 3M Corona Facility and DECRA Corona Facilities,
3 intentionally, willfully, deliberately and/or negligently failed to properly handle, control, dispose,
4 and release noxious and hazardous contaminants and pollutants, such that Defendants created
5 substantial and unreasonable threats to human health and the environment, which resulted from
6 the foreseeable and intended use and storage of PFAS and products containing those substances.

7 419. Among other things, OCWD must take costly remedial action to remove PFAS
8 contamination which will result in substantial costs, expenses and damages in an amount to be
9 proved at trial.

10 420. These Defendants, and each of them, have failed to reimburse OCWD and the
11 Plaintiffs for OCWD's investigation, remediation, cleanup, and disposal costs and deny any
12 responsibility or liability for these damages and expenses the OCWD will incur in the future.

13 421. An actual controversy exists concerning who is financially responsible for abating
14 actual or threatened pollution or contamination of groundwater resources, including the aquifer,
15 and Plaintiffs' contaminated wells within OCWD's territorial jurisdiction by PFAS.

16 422. In order to resolve this controversy, OCWD seeks an adjudication of the respective
17 rights and obligations of the parties, and other relief to the extent necessary to provide full relief
18 to OCWD.

19 **FOURTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

20 **California Civil Code Sec. 3439.04(a)(1) (2004) and Delaware Code tit. 6 Sec. 1304(a)(1)**
21 **Actual Fraudulent Transfer in Relation to Chemours Spinoff**
22 **(By all Plaintiffs against Old DuPont, Chemours, New DuPont, and Corteva)**

23 423. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of
24 this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

25 424. Plaintiffs seek equitable and other relief pursuant to the UFTA, against Old DuPont
26 and Chemours.

27 425. Through its participation in the Chemours spinoff, as detailed above, Chemours
28 transferred valuable assets to DuPont, including the \$3.9 billion dividend (the "Chemours
Transfers"), while simultaneously assuming significant liabilities pursuant to the Separation

1 Agreement (the “Chemours Assumed Liabilities”).

2 426. The Chemours Transfers and Chemours Assumed Liabilities were made for the
3 benefit of Old DuPont.

4 427. At the time that the Chemours Transfers were made and the Chemours Assumed
5 Liabilities were assumed, and until the Chemours Spinoff was complete, Old DuPont was in a
6 position to, and in fact did, control and dominate Chemours.

7 428. Old DuPont and Chemours acted with the actual intent to hinder, delay, and defraud
8 creditors or future creditors.

9 429. Plaintiffs have been harmed as a result of the Chemours Transfers.

10 430. Old DuPont and Chemours engaged in acts in furtherance of a scheme to transfer
11 its assets out of the reach of parties such as the Plaintiffs have been damaged as a result of the
12 actions described in this Complaint.

13 431. Pursuant to the UFTA and Delaware Code tit. 6 Sec. 1301 to 1312 the Plaintiffs
14 seek to avoid the Chemours Transfers and to recover property or value that Chemours transferred
15 to Old DuPont.

16 432. Upon information and belief, Corteva and New DuPont assumed Old DuPont’s
17 liability described above.

18 433. Plaintiffs further reserve such other rights and remedies that may be available to
19 them under the UFTA as may be necessary to fully compensate the Plaintiffs for the damages and
20 injuries they have suffered as alleged in this Complaint.

21 **FIFTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
22 **California Civil Code Sec. 3439.04(5) (2004) and Delaware Code tit. 6 Sec. 1305**
23 **Constructive Fraudulent Transfer In Relation To Chemours Spinoff**
(By all Plaintiffs against Old DuPont, Chemours, New DuPont, and Corteva)

24 434. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of
25 this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

26 435. Plaintiffs seek equitable and other relief pursuant to the UFTA against Old DuPont
27 and Chemours.

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1 436. Chemours did not receive reasonably equivalent value from Old DuPont in
2 exchange for the Chemours Transfers and Chemours Assumed Liabilities.

3 437. Each of the Chemours Transfers and Chemours' assumption of the Chemours
4 Assumed Liabilities was made to or for the benefit of Old DuPont.

5 438. At the time that the Chemours Transfers were made and the Chemours Assumed
6 Liabilities were assumed, and until the Spinoff was complete, DuPont was in a position to, and in
7 fact did, control and dominate Chemours.

8 439. Chemours made the Chemours Transfers and assumed the Chemours Assumed
9 Liabilities when it was engaged or about to be engaged in a business for which its remaining assets
10 were unreasonably small in relation to its business and debt obligations.

11 440. Chemours was insolvent at the time or became insolvent as a result of the Chemours
12 Transfers and its assumption of the Chemours Assumed Liabilities.

13 441. At the time that the Chemours Transfers were made and Chemours assumed the
14 Chemours Assumed Liabilities, Chemours intended to incur, or believed or reasonably should have
15 believed that it would incur debts beyond its ability to pay as they became due.

16 442. Plaintiffs have been harmed as a result of the Chemours Transfers.

17 443. Pursuant the UFTA and Delaware Code tit. 6 Sec. 1301 to 1312, Plaintiffs seek to
18 avoid the Transfers and to recover property or value transferred to Old DuPont.

19 444. Upon information and belief, Corteva and New DuPont assumed Old DuPont's
20 liability described above.

21 445. Plaintiffs further reserve such other rights and remedies that may be available to
22 them under the UFTA and UVTA as may be necessary to fully compensate Plaintiffs for the
23 damages and injuries they have suffered as alleged in this Complaint.

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SIXTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
California Civil Code section 3439.04(a)(1)(2016) and Delaware Code tit. 6 Sec. 1304(a)(1)
Actual Fraudulent Transfer in Relation to Dow-DuPont Merger and
Subsequent Restructurings, Asset Transfers and Separations
(By all Plaintiffs against Old DuPont, New DuPont and Corteva)

446. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

447. Plaintiffs seek equitable and other relief pursuant to the UVTA against Old DuPont, New DuPont, and Corteva.

448. Following the Dow-DuPont Merger, and through the separations of New DuPont, New Dow, and Corteva, Old DuPont sold or transferred, directly or indirectly, valuable assets and business lines to Corteva and New DuPont (the "Old DuPont Transfers").

449. The Old DuPont Transfers were made for the benefit of New DuPont or Corteva.

450. At the time that the Old DuPont Transfers were made, New DuPont was in a position to, and in fact did, control and dominate Old DuPont and Corteva.

451. Old DuPont, New DuPont, and Corteva acted with the actual intent to hinder, delay, and defraud creditors or future creditors.

452. Plaintiffs have been harmed as a result of the Old DuPont Transfers.

453. Old DuPont engaged in acts in furtherance of a scheme to transfer its assets out of the reach of parties such as the Plaintiffs that have been damaged as a result of the actions described in this Complaint.

454. Pursuant to the UVTA and Delaware Code tit. 6 Sec. 1301 to 1312, Plaintiffs seek to avoid the Transfers and to recover property or value transferred to New DuPont and Corteva.

455. Pursuant to the UVTA and Delaware Code tit. 6 Sec. 1301 to 1312, Plaintiffs also seek to enjoin New DuPont and Corteva, as transferees, from distributing, transferring, capitalizing, or otherwise disposing of any proceeds from the sale of any business lines, segments, divisions, or other assets that formerly belonged to Old DuPont, and seeks a constructive trust over such proceeds for the benefit of the Plaintiffs.

456. Plaintiffs further reserve such other rights and remedies that may be available to them under the UVTA as may be necessary to fully compensate Plaintiffs for the damages and

1 injuries they have suffered as alleged in this Complaint.

2 **SEVENTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
3 **California Civil Code section 3439.04(5)(2016) and Delaware Code tit. 6 Sec. 1305**
4 **Constructive Fraudulent Transfer in Relation to Dow-DuPont Merger and**
5 **Subsequent Restructurings, Asset Transfers and Separations**
6 **(By all Plaintiffs against Old DuPont, New DuPont, and Corteva)**

7 457. Plaintiffs repeat and restate the allegations set forth in all previous paragraphs of
8 this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

9 458. Plaintiffs seek equitable and other relief pursuant to the UVTA against Old DuPont,
10 New DuPont, and Corteva.

11 459. Old DuPont did not receive reasonably equivalent value from New DuPont and
12 Corteva in exchange for the Old DuPont Transfers.

13 460. Each of the Old DuPont Transfers was made to or for the benefit of New DuPont
14 or Corteva.

15 461. At the time that the Old DuPont Transfers were made, New DuPont was in a
16 position to, and in fact did, control and dominate Old DuPont and Corteva.

17 462. Old DuPont made the Old DuPont Transfers when it was engaged or about to be
18 engaged in a business for which its remaining assets were unreasonably small in relation to its
19 business.

20 463. Old DuPont was insolvent at the time or became insolvent as a result of the Old
21 DuPont Transfers.

22 464. At the time that the Old DuPont Transfers were made, Old DuPont intended to
23 incur, or believed or reasonably should have believed that it would incur debts beyond its ability
24 to pay as they became due.

25 465. Plaintiffs have been harmed as a result of the Old DuPont Transfers.

26 466. Pursuant to the UVTA and Delaware Code tit. 6 Sec. 1301 to 1312, Plaintiffs seek
27 to avoid the Transfers and to recover property or value transferred to New DuPont and Corteva.

28 467. Pursuant to the UVTA and Delaware Code tit. 6 Sec. 1301 to 1312, Plaintiffs also
seek to enjoin New DuPont and Corteva, as transferees, from distributing, transferring,
capitalizing, or otherwise disposing of any proceeds from the sale of any business lines, segments,

1 divisions, or other assets that formerly belonged to Old DuPont, and seeks a constructive trust over
2 such proceeds for the benefit of the Plaintiffs.

3 468. Plaintiffs further reserve such other rights and remedies that may be available to
4 them under the UVTA as may be necessary to fully compensate the Plaintiffs for the damages and
5 injuries they have suffered as alleged in this Complaint.

6 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

7 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request a trial of this action before a jury, and that,
8 upon a favorable verdict, this Court enter judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and against Defendants,
9 jointly and severally, as follows:

10 A. An award of compensatory damages according to proof;

11 B. An award pursuant to California Civil Code § 3334 of the value of the use of
12 Plaintiffs' property for the time of the wrongful occupation, the reasonable costs of repair or
13 restoration of all of Plaintiffs' property to its original condition, costs associated with recovering
14 the possession, any benefits or profits obtained by Manufacturing Defendants and Defendant
15 DECRA, and all other damages and remedies allowable under California Civil Code § 3334 and
16 California law;

17 C. An award of exemplary and punitive damages according to proof;

18 D. An order declaring that Defendants' actions constitute a nuisance and requiring
19 Defendants to take such action as is necessary to abate the public nuisance, to take such action as
20 is necessary to ensure that the PFOA and PFOS that contaminate the aquifers supplying water to
21 the Plaintiffs' public water systems do not present a risk to the public, and to award damages to
22 the Plaintiffs caused by the nuisance;

23 E. An order declaring that Defendants are financially responsible for abating actual or
24 threatened pollution or PFAS contamination of groundwater resources, including the aquifer
25 within OCWD's service area and Plaintiffs' contaminated wells;

26 F. An order that Plaintiffs are entitled to avoid the Chemours Transfers to Old DuPont
27 to the extent necessary to satisfy Plaintiffs' claims;

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1 G. An order that Plaintiffs are entitled to avoid the Old DuPont Transfers to New
2 DuPont and Corteva to the extent necessary to satisfy Plaintiffs' claims;

3 H. An order appointing a receiver to take charge of the assets transferred or its
4 proceeds and such other relief the circumstances may require;

5 I. An order enjoining New DuPont from distributing, transferring, capitalizing, or
6 otherwise disposing of any proceeds from the sale of any business lines, segments, divisions, or
7 other assets that formerly belonged to Old DuPont;

8 J. An order imposing a constructive trust over any such proceeds for the benefit of the
9 Plaintiffs;

10 K. An award of Plaintiffs' costs in prosecuting this action, including reasonable
11 attorneys' fees, together with prejudgment interest to the full extent permitted by law; and

12 L. An award of such other further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

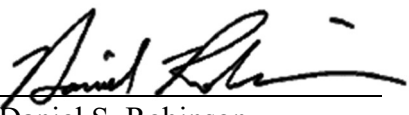
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