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## Effect On The Consumer

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## Effects of the Soda Study on the Consumer

They cannot yet understand the sources of variation in measured benzene levels, such as variability between different product lots and the effects of storage and handling.

Although one sample from a production lot may contain elevated benzene levels, it does not mean that all the products from that lot will have elevated levels, or that all lots of a given product will contain elevated levels.

We will continue to collect and analyze samples and to work with industry to better understand the sources of variability.

We believe that appropriate steps currently are being taken by industry as well as FDA to make sure that benzene formation in beverages is minimized to levels below the drinking water standard of 5 ppb.

The FDA has followed up with companies whose samples of products were found to contain elevated levels of benzene in CFSAN's recent survey.

The FDA will continue to follow up with manufacturers as survey results warrant. Manufacturers either have reformulated or are reformulating products that have been identified as containing greater than 5 ppb benzene.

CFSAN tested a few of the reformulated products provided by the manufacturers and found that benzene levels were less than 1 ppb.

If you or your family's health has been compromised, or if your property and/or surrounding environments have been contaminated by Benzene, you can file a Benzene lawsuit to fight back against the

**\$53 million verdict** — brake mechanic suffering from mesothelioma

**\$13.5 million verdict** — one of the very first Vioxx trial cases

**\$15 million settlement** — man wound up a paraplegic due to negligent hospital care

**\$37 million verdict** — 2 asbestos lung cancer plaintiffs

**\$47 million verdict** — boilermaker who died from mesothelioma

**\$75 million verdict** — historic consolidated trial involving men who had worked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in the 1940s and 1950s

**\$12.7 million verdict** — iron worker who was injured due to unsafe working conditions

**\$64.65 million award** — 4 asbestos plaintiffs

**\$17.5 million** — consolidated trial of 5 mesothelioma victims

**\$25 million jury verdict** — brake reliner

**\$5.8 million settlement** — failure to perform timely C-Section

**\$30 million verdict** — 7 former power-plant workers suffering from asbestos-related illnesses

**\$6 million settlement** — pediatric malpractice case

**\$14 million consolidated verdict** — 5 asbestos-related cancer suits: shipyards/powerhouses/construction

**\$8 million settlement** — obstetrical malpractice resulted in neurological deficits

**\$3.5 million** — 2 asbestos exposure cases

**\$600,000 settlement** — motor vehicle negligence resulting in serious injury

**\$44 million verdict** — 5 asbestos cases, including \$11.6 million awarded to widow of sheet metal worker who died of mesothelioma

**\$1.6 million settlement** — suicide after premature hospital discharge

**\$2.6 million settlement** — ill-fitting prosthesis caused decubitus ulcers

**\$1.5 million settlement** — construction worker fell off elevated train tracks

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