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\$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

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Background Data On Benzene Soda Study

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Background Data on Benzene Soda Study

In November 2005, FDA received private laboratory results reporting low levels of benzene in a small number of soda drinks that contained benzoate salts (an antimicrobial) and ascorbic acid (vitamin C).

The FDA has no regulatory limits for benzene in beverages other than bottled water, for which FDA uses the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 5 ppb for drinking water, as a quality standard.

Benzene is found in the air from emissions from burning coal and oil, gasoline service stations, and motor vehicle exhaust.

Benzene is a carcinogen and has caused cancer in workers exposed to high levels from workplace air.

Benzene can form at the parts per billion (ppb) level in some beverages that contain both benzoate salts and ascorbic acid (vitamin C) or erythorbic acid (a closely related substance (isomer) also known as d-ascorbic acid).

Elevated temperatures and light can stimulate benzene formation in the presence of benzoate salts and vitamin C, while sugar and EDTA salts inhibit benzene formation.

As follow-up to the November 2005 benzene findings, FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) initiated a limited survey of beverages with a focus on soft drinks that contain both benzoate salts and ascorbic or erythorbic acid.

The vast majority of beverages sampled to date (including those containing both benzoate preservative and ascorbic acid) contain either

\$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

\$750,000 settlement — defective construction equipment resulted in serious injury to worker

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no detectable benzene or levels below the 5 ppb limit for drinking water.

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 negligent polluters and hold them responsible for their actions. All you need to do is fill out the form below for a free case evaluation.

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