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## **Atrazine Class Action Settlement Funds Received**

As a result of the \$105 million settlement of a class action lawsuit over atrazine, City of Corsicana has received \$357,856.01 to help reimburse the costs of removing the weed killer from the community water system. Atrazine is sprayed on corn and other crops and frequently runs off of fields and into waterways used as drinking water sources. The additional cost of removal includes activated charcoal filtration. This filtration removes the contaminate but is a seasonal cost to the City.

Since 2004 the St. Louis law firm of Korein, Tillery and the Dallas firm of Barron & Budd have represented water providers across the country against Syngenta, the world's largest atrazine manufacturer, based in Switzerland. City of Corsicana was one of 1,085 water systems, providing water to nearly 37 million people, to benefit from this settlement. Individual amounts were calculated based on the contamination history of the claimants.

The settlement was meant to help reimburse communities for past expenses associated with the removal of atrazine. According to Lead Attorney Stephen M. Tillery the percentage of participation by class members was unprecedented. "Every cent of the settlement fund will be distributed to class members." Tillery also said, "The scope of this settlement is enormous. These settlement funds will be used to help protect the health of millions of people across the country."

For more information about the Atrazine settlement visit [www.atrazinesettlement.com](http://www.atrazinesettlement.com) or contact Jerry Brown at [jbrown@koreintillery.com](mailto:jbrown@koreintillery.com)