United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Charleston Division

IF YOU ARE A SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM OPERATOR IN THE UNITED STATES WHOSE SYSTEM WAS IN OPERATION BETWEEN JANUARY 6, 2018 AND OCTOBER 4, 2021, A CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS.

### A federal court authorized this Notice. You are <u>not</u> being sued. This is <u>not</u> a solicitation from a lawyer.

A proposed settlement ("Settlement") has been reached in the above class action with Defendant Kimberly-Clark Corporation ("Kimberly-Clark") limited to claims against Kimberly-Clark. The action challenges the manufacturing, design, marketing and/or sale of multiple Defendants' flushable wipes. Kimberly-Clark denies the allegations about its flushable wipes and there has been no finding of liability against Kimberly-Clark. Kimberly-Clark has agreed to the Settlement to avoid the uncertainties and expenses associated with continuing the case.

#### WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT CLASS?

If you own[ed] or operate[d] a sewage or wastewater conveyance and treatment plant, such as a municipality, authority or wastewater district in the United States whose system was in operation between January 6, 2018 and October 4, 2021, you are part of the Settlement Class.

The Court-certified Settlement Class is defined as "All STP (Sewage Treatment Plant) Operators in the United States whose systems were in operation between January 6, 2018 and the date of preliminary approval."

#### WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT WITH KIMBERLY-CLARK PROVIDE?

Kimberly-Clark has agreed to implement certain modifications to its business practices and the Settling Parties have made certain representations and commitments with respect to the flushable wipes Product, Kimberly-Clark's Cottonelle-branded flushable wipes manufactured in the United States, including any FreshCare or GentlePlus-branded Cottonelle flushable wipes. The details of these business practice modifications are set forth in the Notice which is located at www.charlestonwipessettlement.com.

#### YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

**Do Nothing.** By doing nothing, you will receive the benefits of the Settlement with Kimberly-Clark in the form of business practice modifications described in the Notice. You will automatically receive the benefits of this Settlement.

Object to the Settlement or the request for attorneys' fees and expenses. You can object to the Settlement and/or Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and expenses of up to \$600,000.

**Should I Hire An Attorney?** You do not need to hire your own attorney because Class Counsel is working on your behalf. If you retain an individual attorney, you will need to pay for that attorney.

**Final Approval Hearing.** The Court will hold the Final Approval Hearing on January 24, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Charleston Division, J. Waties Waring Judicial Center, 83 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401. You can go to this hearing, but you do not have to. The Court will hear any objections, determine if the Settlement with Kimberly-Clark is fair, and consider Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and expenses. Class Counsel's request for fees and expenses will be posted on the Settlement Website after they are filed.

## HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

This Notice is only a summary. For more information, including the Stipulation and other legal documents, visit www.charlestonwipessettlement.com.

# PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURT FOR INFORMATION OR ADVICE.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The terms of the Settlement are in the Stipulation of Settlement, dated April 21, 2021 (the "Stipulation"), which can be viewed at www.charlestonwipessettlement.com. All capitalized terms not defined in this Notice have the same meanings as in the Stipulation.