

If you sustained damages as a direct result of the water service provided by United Water System, Inc. from February 16, 2013 to the present, you may benefit from a proposed Class-Action Settlement.

READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED WHETHER YOU ACT OR DO NOT ACT.

This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

A Class-Action Settlement has been reached in a lawsuit against United Water System, Inc. ("United Water"), American Alternative Insurance Corporation ("AAIC"), and National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. ("National Union") (collectively, "Defendants") regarding damages allegedly sustained by individuals as a direct result of receiving water from United Water between February 16, 2013 and the present (the "Settlement"). The case is called *Aaron Knott, et al. versus United Water System, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 6:23-cv-00401.

Plaintiffs assert that they have been damaged by United Water's deficient water service from February 16, 2013 to the present. More specifically, Plaintiffs allege that they have received water from United Water that is regularly discolored, contains suspended particulate matter and contamination, and has unpleasant and objectionable odors. Plaintiffs also allege to have regularly suffered drops in water pressure, fluctuating water pressure levels, and total loss of water pressure/supply at times, along with boil advisories. Plaintiffs allege that all of these issues, as well as the written and published notices of drinking water standard violations received from United Water during the proposed class period, render the water from United Water unfit for use and caused damage to their persons and/or personal property. Defendants vigorously deny all of these allegations and claims of wrongdoing. Plaintiffs and Defendants have agreed to the Settlement to avoid the risk and expense of further litigation.

Who's Included? You are a member of the Settlement Class if you sustained damages as a direct result of receiving water service from United Water between February 16, 2013 and the present. The Proposed Settlement is anticipated to provide each Class Member with an equivalent cash award. The exact amount of that cash award cannot be determined at this time. If you are a member of the Settlement Class, but do not presently hold an account with United Water System, you will need to timely submit a proof of claim form to receive your award.

What Does The Settlement Provide? The Defendants in this Class Action have agreed to pay a total sum of \$1,500,000.00 (One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) into a Settlement Fund.

What Are My Rights And Options?

Do Nothing. If you were an account holder of United Water on January 30, 2025 and received notice addressed to you via U.S. Mail, and you do nothing, you and the members of your household will be bound by the Settlement (if approved), you and the members of your household will have released your claims, and your household will receive a monetary award made payable to the account holder.

File a proof claim form If you are a member of the Settlement Class, but do not presently hold an account with United Water System, you will need to timely submit a proof of claim form to receive your award. Proof of claim forms must be postmarked no later than **March 28, 2025**. Please see www.UWSSettlement.com for a copy of the proof of claim form or call 1-844-620-8395 to request a proof of claim form be mailed to you.

Object or Exclude Yourself. You can tell the Court if you do not like this Settlement or some part of it. You may remain a Class Member and object to the Settlement by mailing your written objection to the Court and counsel for the Plaintiffs and Defendants postmarked by **March 28, 2025**. If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must exclude yourself, also known as Opt-Out, by mailing your request to the Administrator by **March 28, 2025**. If you do not exclude yourself, you will release any claims you may have, as described in the Settlement Agreement available at the Settlement Website below.

Details about how to opt out or object are available at www.UWSSettlement.com.

More Information. Class Counsel will ask the Court for payment of class counsel attorney fees not to exceed 40% of the total settlement amount plus reimbursement of the costs and expenses that they have incurred while working on and litigating this case, to be paid from the Settlement Fund. Class Counsel also will ask the Court to award each of the five named Plaintiffs \$1,000.00 in incentive payments, to be paid from the Settlement Fund. The amounts awarded for attorneys' fees, expenses, and incentive award will reduce the amounts available to the Class. The Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement at the Final Fairness Hearing on June 3, 2025 at 10 a.m. at the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette Division, John M. Shaw United States Courthouse, located at 800 Lafayette Street, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501. This date may change; see www.UWSSettlement.com for more information.

For additional information, including the long-form notice of Settlement and the Settlement Agreement and Release with the precise terms and conditions of the Settlement, please see www.UWSSettlement.com or call 1-844-620-8395. You may also access the Court docket in this case by visiting the office of the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette Division, John M. Shaw United States Courthouse, 800 Lafayette Street, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501.

The term "damages," as used herein, does not include bodily injuries, health claims or claims for reimbursement of medical expenses.

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