

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

3030 United States Courthouse
601 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

David R. Strawbridge
United States Magistrate Judge

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July 7, 2011

Re: Asbestos MDL 875 - CVLO Cases: Amendment to “Top Ten Scheduling Order” to account for the propounding of defendant-specific interrogatories

To: All Counsel

Dear Counsel:

Pursuant to Paragraph 1(B) of the June 27, 2011 Letter Order, and in response to discussion at the June 23, 2011 Status Conference, defense liaison counsel submitted, in a letter dated July 5, 2011, proposed changes to the June 9, 2011 Scheduling Order reflecting the need for “defendant-specific” interrogatories.¹ The July 5, 2011 letter outlined both the defense proposal and plaintiffs’ response. After careful consideration of the parties’ positions, the June 9, 2011 Scheduling Order **shall be amended** as follows:

1. Individual defendants shall propound “defendant-specific” interrogatories, if any, on or before **July 12, 2011** after taking care to ensure that those interrogatories are not redundant of the standard interrogatories previously propounded.
2. Plaintiffs shall respond to those interrogatories by **August 9, 2011**.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ David R. Strawbridge
Hon. David R. Strawbridge
United States Magistrate Judge

¹The June 27, 2011 letter order and defense counsels’ July 5, 2011 letter both reference “product-specific” interrogatories. In a subsequent email, also sent July 5, 2011, defense counsel requested that this be expanded to “defendant-specific” in order to allow counsel for premises owners, as well as product manufacturers, to propound specific interrogatories. After consideration, I see no reason to distinguish between the two and will allow both classes of defendants to issue interrogatories as provided for in this letter order.