NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

A court authorized this Class Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

Doire et al. v. Synagro Woonsocket, LLC, et al.
Rhode Island Superior Court, Case No. PC-2024-06059

If you have owned, rented or leased, any residential property located in whole or in part within a three-quarter (.75) mile radius of the Woonsocket wastewater treatment and sewage waste incinerator Facility located at 11 and 15 Cumberland Hill Rd, Woonsocket, RI (the "Facility") at any time since November 8, 2014, to present, or if you submitted a Plaintiff Data Sheet to Class Counsel on or before July 30, 2026, you may be a Class Member.

Please read this Notice carefully, as it affects your legal rights.
You can also visit www.LSclassaction.com/settlements or call 313-392-0015.

Your Legal Rights and Options in this Settlement		Deadline
SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM	**The only way to get a cash payment.** You must timely submit a valid Claim Form, which is attached.	Deadline to submit a Claim Form: on or before January 11, 2027
EXCLUDE YOURSELF	**Receive no payment. Get out of this lawsuit. Retain your right to sue Synagro Woonsocket, LLC, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., the City of Woonsocket, and other affiliated persons and entities.** If you exclude yourself, you will no longer be a Class Member. This means that you will not be eligible for the monetary benefits or relief in the Settlement. It also means that Class Counsel will not be representing you and there are statutes of limitations that may bar your individual claims.	Deadline to Exclude yourself: on or before December 28, 2026
COMMENT OR OBJECT	**Write to the Court about why you do not like the Settlement.** You must follow the procedures outlined below. You must remain a member of the lawsuit (you cannot ask to be excluded) in order to object to the Settlement.	Deadline to Comment or Objection: on or before December 28, 2026
DO NOTHING	**You receive no payment. Remain bound by Settlement.** By doing nothing, you will not recover money from the Settlement. You will also be bound by the Settlement and give up your rights to sue Synagro Woonsocket, LLC, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., the City of Woonsocket, and other affiliated persons or entities (defined as the "Releasees" in the Agreement) separately about the same or similar legal claims in this lawsuit.	

These rights and options—**and the deadlines to exercise them**—are explained in this Class Notice.
The Court in charge of this case still has to decide whether to approve the Settlement.
Payments will be made if the Court approves the Settlement and after appeals, if any, are resolved.

1. What is the purpose of this Class Notice?

The purpose of this Class Notice is to inform you of (a) the existence of a class action lawsuit; (b) the proposed Settlement of the class action lawsuit; and (c) your rights with respect to the proposed Settlement. Those legal rights and options include the right to be excluded from the Class and the Settlement.

A class action lawsuit is pending in the Rhode Island Superior Court, known as *Doire, et al. v. Synagro Woonsocket, LLC, et al.* Case No. PC-2024-06059. Associate Justice Brian P. Stern, who is overseeing this case, authorized this Notice. You have a right to know about the class action lawsuit and proposed Settlement. As a Class Member you have various options that you may exercise before the Court decides whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement, and after any appeals are resolved, payments will be made pursuant to the Settlement to Class Members who submit timely and valid claims. Defendants also have undertaken and will continue to undertake certain Improvement Measures to reduce alleged odor emissions from the Facility.

This Class Notice explains the lawsuit, the Settlement, your legal rights, the available benefits, who is eligible for them, and how to get them.

2. What is this lawsuit about?

The above captioned lawsuit was brought by Maurice Doire and Joshua Hoye ("Plaintiffs") against Synagro Woonsocket, LLC, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., and the City of Woonsocket ("Defendants"). Plaintiffs asserted various legal claims against the Defendants, based on the allegation that noxious odors emitted from the wastewater treatment and sewage waste incinerator Facility affected nearby properties. Plaintiffs are represented in this case by the law firms of Liddle Sheets P.C. and The Breggia Law Firm ("Class Counsel").

You can read the Class Action Complaint at www.LSclassaction.com/settlements

3. How does the Defendant answer?

The Defendants deny that they are liable on any of Plaintiffs' claims, and deny that any person has suffered damage to or diminution in value of their property relating to the Facility.

4. Has the Court decided who is right?

To date, the Court has denied Defendants' motion to dismiss but has not made any other rulings on Plaintiffs' claims or Defendants' defenses. The Court has not assessed any evidence related to the dispute or issued a substantive decision on the merits.

5. Why is there a settlement?

The Court has not decided in favor of Plaintiffs or Defendants. Instead, after mediation and settlement discussions, both sides agreed to this Settlement. That way, they avoid the cost, delay and risks associated with trial and any appeals.

6. Am I part of this Class?

The Class in this lawsuit consists of all persons who have owned, rented or leased any residential property located in whole or in part within a three-quarter (.75) mile radius from the Woonsocket wastewater treatment and sewage waste incinerator Facility located at 11 and 15 Cumberland Hill Rd, Woonsocket, Rhode Island (the "Facility"), at any time since July 26, 2013, and any persons residing outside of that area who submitted a Plaintiff Data Sheet to Class Counsel or the Breggia Law Firm on or before July 30, 2026, and who do not affirmatively Opt-Out of this Settlement. The defined Class Area is depicted on the map attached to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibit D [**See Settlement Website for Map**].

7. I'm still not sure if I am included?

If you are still not sure whether you are included, you can get free help by calling 313-392-0015, or by writing Class Counsel at the address listed in Question 27, below. You may also visit the settlement website at www.LSclassaction.com/settlements

THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

8. What are the Settlement benefits?

If the Settlement is approved by the Court at or after the Fairness Hearing described in Question 23 of this Notice, the Defendants have agreed to the creation of a Settlement Fund totaling $1,300,000 and have undertaken certain Improvement Measures to mitigate the effect of any potential odors associated with the operation of the Facility.

9. What are the Improvement Measures about?

Defendants have agreed and expended approximately $881,209.28 on systems to mitigate potential odors associated with the operation of the Facility that are not otherwise required by any governmental agency or entity.

10. How do I get paid?

To obtain payment from the Settlement Fund, you must do the following:

A. **Complete, sign and date the Claim Form** (they are enclosed with these materials). Keep a copy of the completed Claim Form(s) for your records; and

B. **Mail the appropriate Claim Form and your supporting** documentation, postmarked on or before January 11, 2027, to the following address: Attn: Synagro Woonsocket Claims, Liddle Sheets P.C., 975 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48207. The documentation that must be contained with your Claim Form can be found on the Claim Form.

11. What if I don't timely mail a completed Claim Form?

If you fail to submit the Claim Form on or before January 11, 2027, you will not get paid, but you will still benefit from the Improvement Measures at the Facility. You will be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement, including the release of claims against Synagro Woonsocket, LLC, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., the City of Woonsocket, and any affiliated persons/entities, unless you affirmatively opt out. Sending in a Claim Form late will be the same as doing nothing.

12. How are payments calculated?

The amount of compensation paid to a Class Member will be dependent, in part, on the total amount of claims. Accordingly, the amount a Class Member will receive will not be known until after all Claim Forms have been submitted and assessed. Class Counsel will determine the approved claim amount for a Class Member who has submitted a valid Claim Form based upon the total number of approved Claim Forms. The claim amount for each approved Claim will be calculated by dividing the net Settlement Fund (i.e., the balance remaining after attorneys' fees and expenses, and incentive payments have been distributed from the Settlement Fund) by the total number of households for which claims have been submitted.

13. When will I get paid?

The date when payments will be issued cannot be determined at this time. Please be patient. On February 11, 2027, at 2:00 pm, the Court will hold a hearing to decide whether or not to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement, Class Counsel will begin reviewing each Claim Form submitted. Please note that there could be a delay if there is an appeal of the Court's order approving the Settlement.

14. What am I giving up by staying in the Class?

If the Settlement becomes final, Class Members who submit a Claim Form, objection or did nothing at all will be releasing the Facility and all related people and entities (defined as the "Releasees" in the Settlement Agreement) from all claims which the Class Members ever had, now have, or can have, arising from or relating in any way to any odor or other emissions emanating from the Facility through the Effective Date of the Settlement.

The release shall not bar claims for medically diagnosed personal injuries, and shall not bar claims of any kind arising from any emissions from the Facility occurring after the effective date of the Settlement.

EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT

15. How do I get out of this Settlement?

To exclude yourself from the Settlement, you must send a letter by First Class U.S. mail to Class Counsel that contains the following statement: "I WANT TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT IN THE SYNAGRO WOONSOCKET FACILITY CLASS ACTION LITIGATION." You cannot exclude yourself on the phone or by e-mail. Be sure to include your

full name, the address of the Settlement Class area property, signature, and the date. You must mail your exclusion request, postmarked on or before December 28, 2026, to:

Class Counsel
Doire et al. v. Synagro Woonsocket, LLC, et al.
c/o Liddle Sheets P.C.
975 E. Jefferson Ave.
Detroit, MI 48207

If you timely submit your request to be excluded, you will not get any settlement payment, and you cannot object to the Settlement. You will not be legally bound by the Settlement.

16. If I don't exclude myself, can I sue Defendant later?

No, not for the same legal claims at issue here. If you do not exclude yourself and the settlement is approved by the Court, you will be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement and will release all of the "Releasees" from the "Released Claims" as defined in the Settlement Agreement. The "Released Claims" include all claims arising from or relating in any way to any odor or other emissions emanating from the Facility, except for any claim for medically diagnosed personal injuries, and any claims arising from emissions from the Facility after the Effective Date of the settlement.

You can later sue the Defendants for future conduct of the Defendants which create future harm or damages, as opposed to future harm or damages arising out of *past* conduct occurring *prior to* the Effective Date of the settlement.

17. If I exclude myself can I still get money from this Settlement?

No. If you exclude yourself from the Class you won't get any money or benefits from this Settlement, aside from benefiting from the Improvement Measures. If you exclude yourself, you should not submit a Claim Form to ask for money from the Settlement. You cannot both exclude yourself from the Settlement *and* receive monetary benefits from the Settlement.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

18. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

The Court has preliminarily appointed the law firm of Liddle Sheets P.C., together with the Breggia Law Firm, as qualified to serve as Class Counsel and to represent you and all Class Members. You will not be charged by these lawyers for their work on the case, but they will ask the Court to award attorney's fees and expenses from the Settlement Fund. You may contact Class Counsel with any questions.

19. Should I get my own lawyer?

You do not need to hire your own lawyer because Class Counsel is working on your behalf. But, if you want your own lawyer or wish to consult with another lawyer about this settlement, you are free to do so and may hire one at your own cost.

20. How will the lawyers be paid and will there be incentive payments?

Class Counsel has not received any fees for the lawyer and professional time it has devoted to this matter, nor has it received any reimbursement for any of the out-of-pocket expenses it has incurred. Class Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorney fees that does not exceed one-third of the total Settlement value, and expenses that they incurred in litigating the case.

In addition, Class Counsel will ask that the Court award each named Plaintiff a $5,000 incentive award in recognition of their efforts on behalf of the Class. Any fees, expenses, or incentive awards that Class Counsel request must be approved by the Court. Class Counsel will request that their fees and expenses, and the incentive awards be paid from the Settlement Fund.

SUPPORTING OR OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

21. How do I tell the Court that I like or do not like the Settlement?

If you are a Class Member, you can tell the Court that you like the Settlement and it should be approved, or that you object to the Settlement if you do not like some part or all of it. The Court will consider all comments and objections from Class Members. To comment on or to object to the proposed Settlement, you must submit a written statement to Class Counsel at the address below, setting forth:

- Your legal name, current residence address, the address of the Settlement Class area property, the time of ownership and/or residence, current contact telephone number, and signature;
- If applicable, if you submitted a Plaintiff Data Sheet;
- The reference "*Doire et al. v. Synagro Woonsocket, LLC*, *et al.*" Case No. PC-2024-06059;
- You may include documentary or physical evidence establishing your membership in the Class;
- A detailed statement of your objections, comments, and any supporting arguments, together with any supporting documents.

In order for the Court to consider your comments or objections, you must submit them, along with any request to speak at the Fairness Hearing (*See* Questions 23-25), postmarked on or before December 28, 2026, to Class Counsel at the following address:

Class Counsel
Doire et al. v. Synagro Woonsocket, LLC, et al.
c/o Liddle Sheets P.C.
975 E. Jefferson Ave.
Detroit, MI 48207

If you do not submit a written comment or objection on the proposed Settlement in accordance with the deadline and procedure set forth above, you will waive your right to be heard at the Fairness Hearing.

22. What is the difference between objecting and excluding?

Objecting is simply telling the Court that you do not like something about the Settlement. You can object only if you stay in the Class. Excluding yourself is telling the Court that you do not want to be part of the Class. If you exclude yourself, you have no basis to object because the case no longer affects you.

23. When and where will the Court decide to approve the Settlement?

The Court will hold a Fairness Hearing before the Hon. Brian P. Stern at 2:00p.m. on February 11, 2027, at the Frank J. Licht Judicial Complex, 250 Benefit Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903. The hearing may be held by telephone or virtually if the Court so directs, in which case information regarding how Class Members may attend the hearing will be made available on the Court's docket and on the settlement website at www.LSclassaction.com/settlements. At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. If there are objections, the Court will consider them. The Court may listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. The Court may also decide the amount of attorneys' fees and expenses to be awarded to Class Counsel and the amount of any incentive awards to the Class Representatives, all of which will be paid from the Settlement Fund, along with administrative expenses approved by the Court. After the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement. We do not know how long it will take for the Court to make its decision.

24. Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel will answer questions the Court may have. But, you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as your written objection establishes membership in the Class and is received on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but it is not necessary.

25. May I speak at the hearing?

If you would like to speak at the Fairness Hearing about your comments or objections to the Settlement, you must add to your letter commenting or objecting to the Settlement a statement that you intend to appear and speak at the hearing. An example is stating: "This is my Notice of Intention to Appear in *Doire, et al. v. Synagro Woonsocket, LLC, et al.*" If you do not submit a written comment or objection on the proposed Settlement in accordance with the deadline and procedure set forth above, you will waive your right to be heard at the Fairness Hearing. You cannot speak at the hearing if you excluded yourself. If you intend to appear at the Fairness Hearing through counsel, your comment must also state the identity of all attorneys representing you who will appear at the Fairness Hearing and provide the information described in Section 6, Paragraphs (a)-(f) of the Settlement Agreement.

IF YOU DO NOTHING

26. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you'll get no money from this Settlement but will still be bound by the Settlement and lose your ability to sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Synagro Woonsocket, LLC, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., the City of Woonsocket, and other affiliated persons and entities about the same legal issues in this case.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

27. Are there more details available?

Visit the website at www.LSclassaction.com/settlements where you can find extra Claim Forms, information on the litigation and Settlement, and documents such as the Complaint filed by the Plaintiffs. You may also contact Class Counsel at 313-392-0015 or write them at:

Liddle Sheets P.C.
Attn: Synagro Woonsocket Facility Settlement
975 E. Jefferson Ave.
Detroit, MI 48207

PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR WRITE TO THE FACILITY OR THE CLERK OF THE COURT. THE CLERK OF THE COURT CANNOT ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE LAWSUIT OR THE SETTLEMENT.

Dated: November 10, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE RHODE ISLAND SUPERIOR COURT FOR PROVIDENCE/BRISTOL COUNTY