

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

**BOBBI-JO SMILEY, AMBER BLOW, AND  
KELSEY TURNER,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND  
COMPANY AND ADECCO U.S.A., INC.,**

**Defendants.**

**Case No. 12-cv-02380**

**(Judge Malachy E. Mannion)**

**PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.**

You are receiving this notice because you have been identified as a member of a potential class action lawsuit involving E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (“DuPont”) and Adecco U.S.A., Inc. (“Adecco”). The Class includes all people who worked 12-hour shifts at DuPont’s Towanda, PA facility between November 2009 and December 31, 2018 and were required to don equipment/gear and/or engage in shift relief.

The Parties to this lawsuit have reached a settlement, and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania has granted preliminary approval to the settlement. As described below, you have the right to participate in the settlement and receive a payment. You also have the right to exclude yourself from the settlement, or to object to the settlement.

**1. Why should I read this notice?**

This notice explains your right to participate in the settlement and to receive a payment. It also explains your right to exclude yourself from the settlement or object to the settlement, and the instructions you need to follow to do each of these things.

The U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania has scheduled a final settlement approval hearing on September 22, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. At the hearing, the Court will consider whether to grant final approval to the settlement. The hearing will take place before Judge Malachy E. Mannion at the William J. Nealon U.S. Courthouse, 235 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503. The Court’s decision will impact your rights.

## 2. What is the lawsuit about?

Bobbi-Jo Smiley, Amber Blow and Kelsey Turner (“Plaintiffs”) allege that DuPont and Adecco (“Defendants”) failed to pay the Class members all wages due for donning and doffing and shift relief work they performed, including overtime premium wages owed for hours worked in excess of forty per workweek. Plaintiffs filed claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act (“FLSA”), 29 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq.*, and under the Pennsylvania Wage Payment and Collection Law, 43 P.S. § 260.1, *et seq.*, for themselves and other individuals who worked 12-hour shifts at DuPont’s Towanda, PA facility between November 2009 and December 31, 2018 and were required to don equipment/gear and/or engage in shift relief (the “Class”). In their request for relief, Plaintiffs sought unpaid overtime wages and penalties as well as other relief including interest, liquidated damages, attorney’s fees and costs.

Defendants denied Plaintiffs’ allegations and claims, and asserted that they had paid the Class members correctly and in compliance with the law.

Legal counsel for both Parties have spent eight years litigating multiple issues in this case and thoroughly investigating the factual and legal issues in the case. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel believe that further proceedings in the litigation, including class certification and decertification briefing, trial and possible appeals, would not only further delay this case, but also have an uncertain outcome. Therefore, upon careful consideration of all of the facts, circumstances, and legal issues, Plaintiff and Class Counsel believe that the settlement agreement they have negotiated with Defendants is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and is in the best interest of the Class members.

The Parties submitted their settlement agreement to the Court, which granted preliminary approval to the settlement of the lawsuit on a class basis, finding the proposed settlement to meet certain criteria for fairness, and authorized the mailing of this Notice for your consideration.

## 3. How will the settlement amount be allocated?

Defendants have agreed to pay a maximum settlement amount of \$5,000,000.00, which the Parties propose to allocate as follows: a settlement fund of at least \$2,804,000, including \$2,322,280.00 to settle the claims for back wages and liquidated damages of those Class members employed by DuPont, and \$481,720.00 to settle the claims for back wages and liquidated damages of those Class members employed by Adecco; up to \$150,000.00 to the Named Plaintiffs as service awards for the work they performed to enable and support this litigation over the past eight years; up to \$2,000,000.00 as an attorney’s fee to Class Counsel; and up to \$46,000.00 to reimburse out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Class Counsel, including settlement administration costs.

Approximately 500 people are entitled to share in the \$2,804,000.00 settlement fund. Each Class member’s share of this fund will be calculated based on the length of time they worked for Defendants during the relevant time period according to Defendants’ records. Approximately 105 people have returned completed consent forms to join the FLSA Collective. These people do not have to do anything further to receive their settlement payment. Everyone who did not return a completed consent form to join the case must complete and return the attached Claim Form to receive a settlement payment. Each settlement payment will be paid in two equal shares: 50% treated as back wages, subject to typical deductions and withholding and reported on an IRS Form W-2 and 50% treated as non-wage damages, not subject to deductions or withholding and reported on an IRS Form 1099. Defendants will pay all typical employer-side taxes associated with all Class members’ back wage payments separately from the maximum settlement amount.

## 4. What are my options?

**Participate in the Settlement.** Everyone who returned a completed consent form to join the FLSA Collective will automatically receive their settlement payment.

Everyone who did not return a completed consent form to join the FLSA Collective must complete the attached Claim Form and return it to the Claims Administrator by mail, fax, e-mail, or other electronic delivery means before **August 25, 2020** to receive their settlement payment.

If you participate in the settlement and the Court grants final approval to the settlement, you will receive your settlement payment after the Court enters its final approval order. You will have 180 days from the date your check is issued to convert the check. It is your responsibility to keep a current address on file with the Claims Administrator to ensure receipt of your payment.

If you participate in the settlement, you will forever release Defendants from any and all claims or causes of action, known or unknown, which you have or ever had against Defendants for unpaid wages, including any claims under the FLSA, the Pennsylvania Wage Payment and Collection Law, the Pennsylvania Minimum Wage Law, or any common law claim for unpaid wages, through December 31, 2018.

**Exclude Yourself from the Settlement.** If you wish to exclude yourself from the settlement, you must send the Claims Administrator a signed exclusion request. To be effective, an exclusion request must be in writing and include your name, address, telephone number and signature and must be returned to the Claims Administrator by **August 25, 2020**. If you request exclusion from the settlement: (a) you will not be entitled to any payment from the settlement; (b) you will not be entitled to object to the settlement, or appeal any order entered in the lawsuit relating to the settlement; and (c) you will not be bound by the settlement agreement, including the release of claims set forth in the agreement.

**Do Nothing.** If you did not return a completed consent form to join the FLSA Collective and do not timely return a Claim Form to the Claims Administrator, you will not receive any money from the Settlement but will still be bound by the settlement agreement, including the release of FLSA claims set forth in the agreement.

**Object to the Settlement.** You may object to the settlement if you believe the Court should not approve it. The Court will consider your objection at the fairness hearing in deciding whether to approve the settlement. If you wish to present objections to the proposed settlement at the fairness hearing, you must send a written statement to the Claims Administrator that includes your name, address, telephone number and signature along with a detailed statement of the basis for your objection. If you wish to appear at the fairness hearing, you must say so in your statement. If you are represented by counsel, your statement must also include the name, address and phone number of your counsel. To be considered, all statements must be sent to the Claims Administrator by **August 25, 2020**. If you submit a timely, written statement containing the above information, you may appear at the fairness hearing in person (with or without your own counsel). You may withdraw your objection by sending a written request to revoke your objection to the Claims Administrator by **August 25, 2020**.

## 5. Who are the attorneys representing the class?

Plaintiffs are represented by the following attorneys, who have been preliminarily approved by the Court as Class Counsel:

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Chicago, IL 60606  
(312) 233-1550

## 6. How will Class Counsel be paid?

You are not required to pay Class Counsel anything to participate in the settlement. Class Counsel will file a motion with the Court supporting their request for attorney's fees, costs and expenses relating to this case. The Court will decide the actual amount of attorney's fees, costs and expenses to award, and this amount will be paid from Defendants' settlement payment.

## 7. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the settlement?

The Court will hold a fairness hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement. You are not required to attend the hearing, although you are permitted to do so. At the fairness hearing, the Court will consider whether the settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate. The Court will consider any written objections to the settlement at that time, and it will hear from any class members who have submitted timely written objections and asked for leave to appear at the fairness hearing. The Court has scheduled the hearing to take place on September 22, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the William J. Nealon United States Courthouse, 235 North Washington Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503. If the Court changes the date, time or location of the hearing, it will notify the parties through the Court's electronic case management system, but no further notice will be mailed.

## 8. Where can I obtain additional information?

This Notice only provides a summary of the lawsuit and the Parties' settlement. For more information, you may contact Class Counsel (contact information above) or the Claims Administrator:

DuPont/Adecco Settlement Administrator  
P.O. Box 2002  
Chanhassen, MN 55317-2002  
Toll-free: 1-877-553-1580  
Email: [claims@DuPontAdeccoSettlement.com](mailto:claims@DuPontAdeccoSettlement.com)  
[www.DuPontAdeccoSettlement.com](http://www.DuPontAdeccoSettlement.com)

You may also inspect the Court files at the Office of the Clerk, United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, during regular business hours (typically 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday), or through the Court's Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) online service.

**THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

**PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE OR CONTACT THE COURT FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THIS SETTLEMENT OR THE CLAIM PROCESS.**