PVC Pipes (Non Converter Seller and End User) — Website Article

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In re: PVC Pipe Antitrust Litigation – NCSP Settlement Class

Summary

This is a federal antitrust class action filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois on behalf of two distinct purchaser classes — Non-Converter Seller Purchasers ("NCSPs") and End-User Purchasers — alleging that PVC Pipe and Fittings producers conspired to suppress competition and charge supra-competitive prices. Multiple settlements have been reached with several defendants, including Oil Price Information Service (OPIS), Atkore, Northern Pipe/Vinyltech, and Pipelife Jet Stream. No claims process is open yet; class members will be notified later of the opportunity to file for monetary recovery.

Announcements

- **OPIS Settlement – Final Approval Granted (NCSP Class):** The Final Fairness Hearing for the NCSP Class's settlement with OPIS was held on June 3, 2026. The Court has issued an Order Granting Final Approval of the OPIS Settlement. The April 9, 2026 deadline to object to or opt out of the OPIS settlement has passed.
- **OPIS Settlement – Final Approval Granted (End-User Class):** The Final Fairness Hearing for the End-User Class settlement with OPIS was also held on June 3, 2026, and final approval was granted. The April 9, 2026 deadline to object to or opt out of that settlement has also passed.
- **Atkore & Northern Pipe/Vinyltech Settlements (NCSP Class) – Pending Final Approval:** Preliminary approval has been granted for both the Atkore and Northern Pipe/Vinyltech settlements with the NCSP Class. The exclusion and objection deadlines of **August 7, 2026** have now passed. The Final Fairness Hearing is scheduled for **September 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. CT**. On September 14, 2026, the Court authorized interested persons to attend the hearing telephonically by dialing 650-479-3207 and entering access code 2311 499 146.
- **Atkore & Northern Pipe/Vinyltech Settlements (End-User Class) – Pending Final Approval:** Preliminary approval has been granted for both the Atkore and Northern Pipe/Vinyltech settlements with the End-User Class. The exclusion and objection deadlines are **September 8, 2026**, and the Final Fairness Hearing is scheduled for **October 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. CT**.
- **Pipelife Jet Stream Settlement (NCSP Class):** A settlement with Pipelife Jet Stream, Inc. has received preliminary approval. Documents are available on the settlement website; key dates for this settlement were not separately listed on the monitored pages.
- **No Claims Process Yet:** No claim forms are currently being accepted. Class members in both the NCSP and End-User classes will be notified separately when a claims process opens following Court approval of a distribution plan.
- **Litigation Expense Fund (End-User Class):** Interim Co-Lead Counsel is seeking an interim payment of up to $4,000,000 from the Atkore and Northern Pipe/Vinyltech settlements to reimburse past litigation expenses and fund ongoing prosecution of the case.

Settlement Amount

NCSP Class Settlements:

- **Atkore Defendants:** $64,000,000

- **Northern Pipe and Vinyltech Defendants:** $34,000,000
- **OPIS:** Amount not published on the settlement website pages reviewed.
- **Pipelife Jet Stream:** Amount not published on the settlement website pages reviewed.

End-User Class Settlements:
- **Atkore:** $50,000,000
- **Northern Pipe and Vinyltech:** $30,000,000
- **OPIS:** Amount not published on the settlement website pages reviewed.

Per-claimant recovery estimates are not yet available. No payments will be made to class members until the Court approves a distribution/allocation plan at a later stage.

Class Period

- **NCSP Class:** January 1, 2020 through May 13, 2026
- **End-User Class:** September 1, 2017 through June 10, 2026

Filing Deadline

No claim filing deadline has been set. The settlement websites state that *there will be no payments at this time* and that class members will be notified later of an opportunity to file a claim once the Court approves a distribution process. FRS should monitor the settlement website for future claim filing announcements.

Who Qualifies

NCSP Settlement Class: Persons or entities that purchased PVC Pipe or PVC Fittings in the United States and its territories as Non-Converter Seller Purchasers from **January 1, 2020 through May 13, 2026**. NCSPs are purchasers who are not themselves converters (i.e., manufacturers) of PVC Pipe Systems.

End-User Settlement Class: Persons or entities that purchased PVC Pipe Products in the United States and its territories as end users from **September 1, 2017 through June 10, 2026**.

Separate settlement classes exist for NCSP purchasers and End-User purchasers. Each settling defendant's class is independently defined; class members should confirm which settlement class(es) they belong to based on their purchasing role and purchase dates.

Who Is Excluded

Specific exclusion criteria (e.g., defendants, their officers and directors, related entities, judges) are not detailed on the monitored pages. Class members who submitted a timely exclusion request from the OPIS settlement (deadline: April 9, 2026) are excluded from that particular settlement. For the Atkore and Northern Pipe/Vinyltech settlements, class members who submitted timely exclusion requests postmarked by the applicable deadlines (August 7, 2026 for NCSP; September 8, 2026 for End-Users) will be excluded. Full exclusion criteria are available in the Long Form Notices and Settlement Agreements posted on the settlement websites.

How to File

No claim form is available at this time. The settlement websites state that no payments will be made to Settlement Class members at this time and that class members will be notified later when an opportunity to file a claim becomes available. FRS should take the following steps now:

- **Register on the settlement website** to receive future updates and notices. The NCSP settlement website is

www.PVCantitrust.com. The End-User settlement website uses the same Kroll portal. Registration is important — the site states that class members may not receive further notices unless they register.

- **Note opt-out/objection deadlines** for clients who wished to preserve the right to pursue separate litigation:
  - NCSP Class – Atkore and Northern Pipe/Vinyltech Settlements: Postmark deadline of **August 7, 2026** has now passed.
  - End-User Class – Atkore and Northern Pipe/Vinyltech Settlements: Postmark by **September 8, 2026**
  - OPIS Settlement (both classes): Deadline of April 9, 2026 has already passed.
- **Mail opt-out or objection requests (End-User Class only, deadline still open)** to:
  - *End-User Class:* PVC – End User Class Settlement Notice, c/o Kroll Settlement Administration LLC, P.O. Box 225391, New York, NY 10150-5391
- **Monitor for future claim filing notice.** When the Court approves a distribution plan, a separate claims process will open and additional notice will be sent.

Contact Information:

- NCSP Class: +1 (833) 890-9261 | *www.PVCantitrust.com* | c/o Kroll Settlement Administration LLC, P.O. Box 225391, New York, NY 10150-5391
- End-User Class: (833) 621-8556 | info@EndUserPVCLitigation.com | c/o Kroll Settlement Administration LLC, P.O. Box 225391, New York, NY 10150-5391

Defendants

The litigation names multiple defendants alleged to have conspired to restrain trade in the PVC Pipe and Fittings market. Defendants fall into several groups:

Settling Defendants (NCSP and/or End-User Classes):

- **Atkore Defendants:** Atkore Inc., Atkore International, Inc., Atkore Plastic Pipe Corp., Atkore RMCP, Inc., and Allied Tube & Conduit Corporation, and affiliated brands Heritage, Queen City Plastics, Rocky Mountain Colby Pipe, and Cor-Tek.
- **Northern Pipe and Vinyltech Defendants:** Otter Tail Corporation, Northern Pipe Products, Inc., and Vinyltech Corporation.
- **Oil Price Information Service, LLC (OPIS):** A pricing information service alleged to have facilitated the conspiracy. OPIS settlements with both the NCSP Class and End-User Class have received final approval.
- **Pipelife Jet Stream, Inc.:** A pipe manufacturer. Settlement with the NCSP Class received preliminary approval (documents available on the settlement website).

Non-Settling Defendants (litigation ongoing):

- Westlake Corporation and Westlake Pipe & Fittings Corporation
- Multi Fittings Corporation and Silver-Line Plastics LLC
- J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc. (d/b/a JM Eagle)
- Various other "Converter Defendants" / PVC Pipe System producers (names not fully enumerated on the reviewed pages)

All defendants are alleged to have participated in a combination or conspiracy to suppress competition and charge supra-competitive prices for PVC Pipe Systems and PVC Pipe Products in violation of federal and state antitrust laws.

Case History

- **Case Filed:** In re: PVC Pipe Antitrust Litigation, Case No. 1:24-cv-07639, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. A Consolidated Complaint and subsequently an Amended Consolidated Complaint were filed.

- **Motions to Dismiss:** Multiple defendants filed motions to dismiss, including Westlake Corporation, Multi Fittings/Silver-Line Plastics, Otter Tail/Vinyltech (prior to settling), J-M Manufacturing/JM Eagle, Pipelife Jet Stream (prior to settling), and the Atkore Defendants (prior to settling). Documents are available on the settlement websites.
- **OPIS Settlement – Preliminary Approval:** The Court entered a Preliminary Approval Order for the OPIS settlement (both NCSP and End-User classes).
- **OPIS Settlement – Final Approval:** The Final Fairness Hearing for both the NCSP and End-User OPIS settlements was held on **June 3, 2026**. Final approval orders were issued for both classes.
- **Atkore Settlement (NCSP) – Preliminary Approval:** The Court entered an Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Atkore settlement with the NCSP Class.
- **Atkore Settlement (End-User) – Preliminary Approval:** The Court entered an Order Preliminarily Approving the Atkore settlement with the End-User Class.
- **Northern Pipe and Vinyltech Settlement (NCSP) – Preliminary Approval:** The Court entered an Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Northern Pipe and Vinyltech settlement with the NCSP Class.
- **Northern Pipe and Vinyltech Settlement (End-User) – Preliminary Approval:** The Court entered an Order Preliminary Approving the Northern Pipe and Vinyltech settlement with the End-User Class.
- **Pipelife Jet Stream Settlement (NCSP) – Preliminary Approval:** The Court granted preliminary approval of the Pipelife Jet Stream settlement with the NCSP Class.
- **NCSP Atkore & Northern Pipe/Vinyltech – Motions for Final Approval Filed:** NCSP class counsel filed a combined motion for final approval of both the Atkore and Northern Pipe/Vinyltech settlements. The Final Fairness Hearing is scheduled for **September 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. CT**. On September 14, 2026, the Court authorized telephonic attendance.
- **End-User Class – Final Fairness Hearing Scheduled:** The Final Fairness Hearing for the End-User Atkore and Northern Pipe/Vinyltech settlements is scheduled for **October 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. CT**.
- **Litigation Ongoing:** Claims against Non-Settling Defendants (including Westlake, Multi Fittings/Silver-Line, JM Eagle, and others) continue to be actively litigated.

Source

- NCSP Class settlement website: *www.PVCantitrust.com*
- End-User Class settlement website: Kroll Settlement Administration portal (contact: info@EndUserPVCLitigation.com)

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- **Changes from previous version:**
  - **Announcements – NCSP Atkore & Northern Pipe/Vinyltech:** Updated to note that the August 7, 2026 exclusion/objection deadline has now passed, and added the Court-authorized telephonic attendance details for the September 15, 2026 hearing (dial-in number 650-479-3207, access code 2311 499 146), sourced from the NCSP Homepage.
  - **Who Is Excluded:** Minor tense update — "class members who submit timely exclusion requests" changed to "class members who submitted timely exclusion requests" for the NCSP August 7, 2026 deadline, which has now passed.
  - **How to File:** Updated the NCSP opt