

## Questions & Answers for C8 Community Follow-up Study & C8 Workers Follow-up Study

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1	What is C8?	<p>C8 is a chemical called <b>perfluoro-octanoic acid</b> (or <b>PFOA</b>). It is a man-made chemical and does not occur naturally in the environment. C8 is used as a <b>processing aid</b> in the manufacture of <b>fluoropolymers</b> to produce hundreds of items such as non-stick surfaces on cookware (TEFLON), protective finishes on carpets (SCOTCHGUARD, STAINMASTER), clothing (GORE-TEX), and the weather-resistant barrier sheeting used on homes under the exterior siding (TYVEK).</p> <p>Because C8 is so widely used in the consumer products, it is found in the environment and in blood samples from the general U.S. population.</p>
2	Where can I find more information about C8?	<p>You may go to the US EPA web site:  <a href="http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/pfoa/">www.epa.gov/opptintr/pfoa/</a></p>
3	What is the C8 Community Follow-up Study? (Tell me about the study)	<p>This is a follow-up study of approximately <b>40,000</b> C8 Health Project participants over several years. This study is being conducted by the C8 Science Panel. The purpose of the follow-up is to find out whether those with higher blood levels of C8 during the C8 Health Project in 2005-2006 have more disease over subsequent years than those with lower blood levels of C8 in 2005-2006.</p> <p>Our method of doing this is to ask you about your medical history. If you report any serious disease, we will ask your permission to review your medical records to get more details. In addition, we will check your data with cancer registries to determine cancer occurrence whether or not you have cancer. After we determine what diseases have occurred, we will compare disease rates for each disease between those with high and low C8 blood levels in 2005-2006.</p> <p>We will also look at your residential history before 2005-2006 to estimate how much C8 you may have been exposed to over the entire time you have lived in West Virginia or Ohio. In the end, the Science Panel will reach a conclusion about whether more exposure to C8 is related to more disease.</p>

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4	What is the C8 Workers Follow-up Study? (Tell me about the study)	<p>We are contacting about <b>6,000 individuals</b> who have worked at the DuPont's <b>Washington Works Plant</b> and who may have been exposed to C8.</p> <p>The purpose of the follow-up study is to find out whether exposure to C8 while working at DuPont is related to any adverse health outcomes. Our method of doing this is to ask you about your medical history and your exposure to C8 while working at DuPont. We are also working directly with DuPont to review work histories of past and current employees, including your own work history.</p> <p>If you report any serious disease, we will ask your permission to review your medical records to get more details. We will also look at your residential history to estimate how much C8 you may have been exposed to over the entire time that you lived in West Virginia or Ohio. In addition, we will check your data with cancer registries to determine cancer occurrence whether or not you have cancer. After we determine what diseases have occurred, we will compare disease rates among the study participants, and determine whether or not those with more C8 exposure had higher disease rates. In the end, the Science Panel will reach a conclusion about whether more exposure to C8 is related to more disease.</p>
5	What is the C8 Science Panel?	<p>A <b>class action lawsuit</b> brought by the Ohio and West Virginia communities against <b>DuPont</b> resulted in a <b>Settlement Agreement</b> in the Wood County Circuit Court. As part of that settlement, the Court appointed 3 independent research experts in public health to form a <b>C8 Science Panel</b> to <b>assess</b> whether or not there is a <b>probable link</b> between C8 exposure and disease in the affected community.</p> <p>The names of the C8 Science Panel members are: <b>Dr. Tony Fletcher</b> of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, <b>Dr. David Savitz</b> of Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, and <b>Dr. Kyle Steenland</b> of Emory University in Atlanta.</p> <p>The appointment of the C8 Science Panel was approved by the lawyers for the affected community and DuPont. They were chosen because of their long experience in designing and carrying out environmental health studies and the view of the parties in the settlement that they would be able to <b>objectively</b> generate and evaluate the evidence.</p> <p>For more information, you may go to the C8 Science Panel Web Site: <a href="http://www.c8sciencepanel.org">www.c8sciencepanel.org</a></p>

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6	Who is doing the survey interview?	The C8 follow-up studies survey interview is being conducted by Battelle Memorial Institute (Battelle). Battelle is a nonprofit research organization hired by the C8 Science Panel to help in this study.
7	What do I need to do to participate?	<p>Participation in this study consists of completing <b>two interviews</b> with us. The first will be done <b>between (fall) 2008 and (spring) 2009</b> and the second in <b>2010</b>. You have an option to complete the survey with our telephone interviewer or to complete it online. The first interview takes about 25 to 30 minutes and the second interview is about 10 minutes. Participation is voluntary.</p> <p>Since we have a large number of people to interview, it will take about 7 to 8 months to complete all the interviews. You don't need to do anything now. We will contact you again when it's time to do the interview with you. For now, you just need to keep in touch with us and update your contact information as needed.</p>
8	Do I have to participate?	<p>Participation in this study is voluntary. You may refuse to participate, or if you do consent to participate, you may withdraw your consent and stop participation in the study at any time.</p> <p>You may also choose to skip interview questions that you do not want to answer, although it will help the study if you answer all of them. Your decision not to participate or to stop participating in the study will not have any effect on any benefits that you are otherwise entitled to.</p>
9	Are you going to pay me?	<p>Yes. To thank you for your time and effort, you will receive \$50 for completing the interviews. We will send you a \$40 VISA gift card for completing first interview and a \$10 gift card for completing the second short interview. (Total \$50)</p> <p>The \$40 VISA gift card is like a debit card. You can use it to pay for your purchases at any location that accepts VISA (like gas stations, grocery stores, restaurants, movie theaters, shopping mall, etc.).</p> <p>The \$10 gift card will be a Wal-Mart gift card that is good for any purchases at any Wal-Mart stores.</p>
10	Is there any cost to participate in the study?	No. There is no cost to participate in the study.

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11	How do you maintain my privacy? Do you keep the information that I provide you confidential?	<p>In accordance with the <b>Settlement Agreement</b>, the Science Panel will hold <b>confidentially</b> all individual information obtained pursuant to your consents and authorizations.</p> <p>The researchers and staff conducting this study are committed to protecting the privacy of all participants and <b>have signed a confidentiality assurance</b>. Specifically, we will keep confidential your name, the names of your family members, and the information gathered from this study. No individual data will be available to anyone requesting the information. The study results will only be reported in aggregate format.</p> <p>Agencies and Emory University departments and committees that make rules and policies about how research is done have the right to review study records. Records may be shared with the Emory University Institutional Review Board, the Emory Office of Research Compliance, and can be opened by court order. We will keep your records private to the extent allowed by law, and will use a study number instead of your name on most records. We will not share any individual's results with DuPont.</p>
12	Am I at risk?	<p>Currently there is not enough scientific evidence about exposure to C8 and diseases. That is the reason why the C8 Science Panel was asked to conduct research studies to determine if there is a <b>probable link</b> between C8 exposure and disease in the affected community.</p> <p>You may go to the C8 Science Panel and US EPA web sites to find out more information.</p> <p><a href="http://www.c8sciencepanel.org">www.c8sciencepanel.org</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/pfoa/">www.epa.gov/opptintr/pfoa/</a></p>
13	How did you get my name and contact information?	<p>[For C8 Community Study Participant] In 2005-2006 you participated in a C8 Health Project and provided consent for the C8 Science Panel to contact you about future research studies related to C8 exposure. We obtained your contact information from the C8 Health Project.</p> <p>[For C8 Workers Study Participant] We obtained your contact information from DuPont. A class action lawsuit brought by the Ohio and West Virginia communities against DuPont resulted in a Settlement Agreement in the Wood County Circuit Court. As part of that settlement, DuPont agreed to provide the contact information for about 6,000 individuals who have worked at DuPont's and participated in a DuPont research study previously.</p>

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14	How do I stay in touch with you?	<p>[For C8 Community Study Participant] You may e-mail (<a href="mailto:c8community@battelle.org">c8community@battelle.org</a>) or call 1-877-810-9530, extension 512 (toll-free) at any time.</p> <p>[For C8 Workers Study Participant] You may e-mail (<a href="mailto:c8worker@battelle.org">c8worker@battelle.org</a>) or call <b>1-877-810-9530, extension 506</b> (toll-free) at any time.</p>
15	Who should I call if I have additional questions?	<p>You may send your questions to us by e-mail or our toll-free number.</p> <p>[For C8 Community Study Participant] You may e-mail (<a href="mailto:c8community@battelle.org">c8community@battelle.org</a>) or call 1-877-810-9530, extension 512 (toll-free) at any time.</p> <p>[For C8 Workers Study Participant] You may e-mail (<a href="mailto:c8worker@battelle.org">c8worker@battelle.org</a>) or call <b>1-877-810-9530, extension 506</b> (toll-free) at any time.</p>
16	Can you tell me some more about the Settlement Details?	<p>DuPont's West Virginia Washington Works Plant in southwest Parkersburg released C8 into the air and Ohio River from the 1950s until recently. C8 reached drinking water supplies by entering the groundwater and was detected in six water districts near the DuPont plant in 2002.</p> <p>A class action lawsuit brought by the communities against DuPont resulted in a Settlement Agreement in the Wood County Circuit Court; As part of that settlement, Brookmar; Inc., an independent company, conducted a yearlong survey (August 2005 - July 2006) called the C8 Health Project. The C8 Health Project gathered information through interviews and questionnaires and collected blood samples from about 69,000 people living near the Washington Works plant in West Virginia.</p> <p>The settlement also established a C8 Science Panel to assess whether or not there is a probable link between C8 exposure and disease in the community.</p> <p><b>[Eligibility Criteria]</b> Individuals consumed drinking water for at least one year before December 3, 2004 supplied by the one of the six water districts or from a private water sources (e.g., wells) within these areas that have been contaminated with C8.</p> <p><b>[Name of the Class Action Lawsuit]</b> Jack Leach, et al. v. E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co.</p>

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17	Who is funding the study?	The study was authorized and funded through the settlement of the class action lawsuit.  <b>[Name of the Class Action Lawsuit]</b> Jack Leach, et al. v. E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co.
18	What are the 6 impacted water districts?	The 6 impacted water districts are: (1) Little Hocking Water Association of Ohio, (2) City of Belpre, Ohio, (3) Tupper Plains Chester Water District of Ohio, (4) Village of Pomeroy, Ohio, (5) Lubeck Public Service District of West Virginia, and (6) Mason County Public Service District of West Virginia.
19	Are you going to send me the results?	The C8 Science Panel will provide the study results in aggregate format when they are available.
20	What are the eligibility criteria for participating in the C8 Community Follow-up Study?	The eligibility criteria include: <input type="checkbox"/> Must be an adult aged 20 and over; <input type="checkbox"/> Must have participated in the C8 Health Project between 2005 and 2006; <input type="checkbox"/> Must have provided consent to be contacted by the C8 Science Panel for additional C8 studies; and <input type="checkbox"/> Must live or have lived in one of six water districts near the DuPont chemical plant in Washington, West Virginia.
21	Am I still eligible to participate if I have moved out of the study areas (e.g., to CA or FL)?	Yes. You are still eligible to participate if you meet the study eligibility criteria.
22	What are the eligibility criteria for participating in the C8 Workers Follow-up Study?	This is a disease incidence study designed to follow up an existing cohort of DuPont workers (about 6000 people) who participated in a DuPont research study previously.  A contact list was provided by DuPont. To be eligible to participate in the C8 Workers Follow-up Study, your name must be included in the contact list provided by DuPont. Every member of the DuPont cohort is eligible to participate in the proposed study. We will ask for a proxy respondent for those deceased subjects or who have health conditions and cannot be interviewed.
23	Can someone participate in the study on behalf of the deceased participant?	Yes. If the study participant is deceased, we will find a family member who is familiar with the deceased participant and can answer the questions for him/her.