EXHIBIT I
Opt Out Form

In accordance with Paragraph 9.6 of the Settlement Agreement, any Eligible Claimant that wishes to opt out of the Settlement must complete the Request for Exclusion form, below. The Request for Exclusion form will be available online and allow for electronic submission to the Notice Administrator, the Special Master, the Claims Administrator, Carrier's Counsel, and Class Counsel. Submission of paper Request for Exclusion forms will be permitted and must be served on the Opt Out Administrator in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5, who shall ensure that all such paper forms are made available in the portal in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.

Anyone completing this form should carefully review both the Settlement Agreement and all its exhibits, including the guidance set forth in the Parties' Joint Interpretive Guidance documents.

All capitalized terms herein shall have the same meaning as in the Settlement Agreement.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Timeliness – All Requests for Exclusion must be properly submitted to the Opt Out Administrator by the deadline, **December 22, 2026**. PAO § 17.

- Eligible Claimant information – All Requests for Exclusion must provide all required information about the Eligible Claimant Public Water System.

- Filer information – All Requests for Exclusion must provide all required information about the filer (i.e. the Person completing and submitting the Request for Exclusion).

- Certification of legal authority – Any entity submitting a Request for Exclusion must complete the affidavit in Section D below, certifying under penalty of perjury in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746 the Eligible Claimant's standing, and that the filer has been legally authorized to exclude the Eligible Claimant from the Settlement.

    - The filer must be the affiant. Upon submission of the completed Request for Exclusion, all recipients indicated in the CC field in Section C below shall receive an email confirming receipt of the submitted Request for Exclusion as well as a PDF copy of same.

EFFECT OF REQUESTING EXCLUSION:

- Opting out voids Objections – The submission of a Request for Exclusion shall have the effect of waiving and forfeiting any and all objections that were or could have been asserted. MSA § 9.7.

- Opt Outs are not bound – Any Eligible Claimant that submits a timely and valid Opt Out shall not:

  (i) be bound by the Settlement Agreement, or by any orders or judgments entered in the MDL Cases with respect to this Settlement Agreement (but shall continue to be bound by other orders entered in the Litigation, including any protective order);

  (ii) be entitled to any of the relief or other benefits provided under the Settlement Agreement;

  (iii) gain any rights by virtue of the Settlement Agreement; or

  (iv) be entitled to submit an Objection.

  MSA § 9.7.1.

WITHDRAWAL OF OPT OUT:

- Opt Outs may be withdrawn – Any Eligible Claimant that has elected to opt out may withdraw its Request for Exclusion submitted at any time prior to the Final Fairness Hearing and thereby accept all terms of this Settlement Agreement, including its Dismissal provisions.

- Effect of withdrawal – The withdrawal of a Request for Exclusion does not permit a Person to assert new objections nor revive previously asserted objections.

REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION FORM WITH FILLABLE FIELDS:

Please complete each field below in order to submit a Request for Exclusion. Fields that state "if available" or "if applicable" are optional; all others are required.

Filers will create a log-in to the Opt Out portal. The log-in will be associated with the email address they provide.

Filers must submit one Request for Exclusion per Eligible Claimant. In the event that filers have authority over and intend to request exclusion for multiple Eligible Claimants, they will have the opportunity to carry over their filer information from sections B and C into subsequent Requests on behalf of additional Eligible Claimants.

A. Eligible Claimant information – This section requests information about the Public Water System requesting exclusion.

1. Eligible Claimant name.

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2. Eligible Claimant SDWIS ID.

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3. Eligible Claimant address.

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4. Eligible Claimant telephone number (if available).

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5. Eligible Claimant facsimile number (if available).

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6. Eligible Claimant email address (if available).

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7. Eligible Claimant counsel name (if applicable).

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8. Eligible Claimant counsel email address (if applicable).

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[*The online form will automatically transfer information provided in the fields for Sections A.7 and A.8 above to Section C below so that any counsel identified receives confirmation of the submitted Request for Exclusion and a PDF copy of same*.]

B. Filer information – This section requests information about the person completing the Request for Exclusion on the Eligible Claimant's behalf.

1. Filer name.

   _____

2. Filer law firm (if applicable).

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3. Filer address.

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4. Filer telephone number.

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5. Filer facsimile number (if available).

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6. Filer email address.

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C. Recipients of confirmation (optional) – This section requests the name(s) and email address(es) of the Persons to whom confirmation of the submission of a Request for Exclusion should be sent, along with a copy of the submitted Request for Exclusion. If this section is left blank, only the filer, and counsel identified in Sections A.7 and A.8, if any, will receive confirmation and a copy of the submitted Request for Exclusion.

1. Name.
   _____
2. Email.
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[*The online form will allow for addition of as many confirmation email recipients as desired.*]

D. Certification of legal authority – Please complete each field in the affidavit below.

1. My name is _____ [FILER'S NAME]. I am _____ [TITLE/ROLE] and legally authorized to request exclusion from the Carrier PWS Settlement on behalf of _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT NAME], with SDWIS ID _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT SDWIS ID].

2. _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT] has standing to request exclusion because it is an Eligible Claimant as such term is defined in the Settlement Agreement because it is an Active Public Water System in the United States of America that (i) has one or more Impacted Water Sources as of July 31, 2026, or (ii) was required to test for certain PFAS under UCMR-5, or otherwise serves more than 3,300 people according to SDWIS, and does not fall under any of the exclusions to the Settlement Class definition.

   a) _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT] is a Public Water System in accordance with the definition of Public Water System in the Settlement Agreement, § 2.53.

      - _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT] has at least fifteen (15) service connections or regularly serves an average of at least twenty-five (25) individuals at least sixty (60) days out of the year;
      - _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT] is not a Non-Transient Non-Community Water System that serves 3,300 or fewer people, according to SDWIS, or a Transient Non-Community Water System of any size.
      - _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT]'s activity-status field in SDWIS states that _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT] is "Active."

   b) _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT] either (*select one*):

      - [*portal will allow for selection by checking only one box*] Has one or more Impacted Water Source as of July 31, 2026; or

      - Was required to test for certain PFAS under UCMR-5, or otherwise serves more than 3,300 people according to SDWIS.

c) _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT] is not solely owned by a State government.
d) _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT] is not solely owned by the federal government.
e) _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT] has independent authority to sue and be sued.
f) _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT] is not a privately owned well that provides water only to its owner's (or its owner's tenant's) individual household.

3. I understand that submission of this Request for Exclusion waives and forfeits any and all objections that _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT] did or could have asserted.

4. I understand that submission of this Request for Exclusion means that _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT] is not bound by the Settlement Agreement, or by any orders or judgments entered in the MDL Cases with respect to this Settlement Agreement (but that _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT] shall continue to be bound by other orders entered in the Litigation, including any protective order). I further understand that by virtue of submission of this Request for Exclusion, _____ [ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT] is not entitled to any of the relief or other benefits provided under the Settlement Agreement, and is not entitled to gain any rights by virtue of the Settlement Agreement.

I declare under penalty of perjury under 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this ____ day of _____ [MONTH], 2026, at _____ [CITY, STATE].

Signature:

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