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FYI – Beware.....Is your health and safety at risk?....

ASPARTAME (EQUAL / Nutra Sweet)

On Sept 15, 2004, a \$350 million class action lawsuit was filed in US district court in San Francisco, California against the Nutra Sweet Corporation, American Diabetes Association, and Dr. Robbert Moser, and others. It alleges racketeering. Key roles played by Donald Rumsfield while he was president and CEO of Searle Pharmaceuticals (the company that owned the patents on Aspartame), was that he used his political clout to get Aspartame through the FDA in approval, in spite of many negative studies. On or around September 8, 2004 an affidavit was signed describing the initial third world studies and the health hazards of Aspartame. The double blind studies were translated into English from Spanish in 1984 and showed conclusive evidence that Aspartame caused severe health problems and even death to the exposed study group. The doctor involved in the study has been missing since the approval from the FDA in 1984. The affidavit also described how the affiants were directed by Searle officials to destroy all records of the study, including field notes, and /or translations. After the translations were completed they had been forwarded per order to Illinois corporate office. (An insider came forward recently with this information.) Searle knowingly and intentionally used the neurotoxin Aspartame as a sugar substitute in the manufacturing of Equal while knowing that exposure to Aspartame causes among other diseases and symptoms the following: **abdominal pain, asthma, arthritis, brain tumors/cancer, breathing difficulties, burning eyes or throat, burning urination, chest pains, chronic cough, chronic fatigue, death, depression, diarrhea, headaches, hearing loss, migraines, heart palpitations, chronic hypertension, memory loss, sexual problems, menstrual problems, nausea and vomiting, slurring of speech, tremors, tinnitus, vision loss, vertigo.**

The law suit also alleges that aspartame causes worsening of symptoms of Fibromyalgia, MS, Parkinson, Lupus, Diabetes, Alzheimer's, Epilepsy, Birth Defects, Attention Deficit, Depression, Lymphoma, lime disease, and a host of others.

Allegations also included that Searle denied knowledge of or involvement with the initiation, design or performance with the study and yet the false results were submitted to the FDA by Searle. One of the statements used by Searle was that the animals used during the study were unavailable for autopsy after termination of the study (untrue). After it was approved by the FDA, the officer left the FDA and went to work in a top position for Searle. (This is a typical reward for many drugs going through the FDA.) Despite scientific documentation, there were intentional acts of concealment and deception to FDA/public

There are currently, lawsuits against other food companies that contain Aspartame in their products. Coke cola, Pepsi, Dannon, ConAgra's foods, Nutra Sweet company, the parent company of Kraft and Philip Morris.

Unfortunately the symptoms are strong anecdotal because the Equal got through the FDA with out further research to prove its safety for consumption. It breaks down to wood alcohol. Look on the internet for sites re this law suite or how aspartame breaks down in the body. Go to site: <http://www.russellblaylockmd.com> Today Aspartame is found in over 5000 foods, drinks and medicines, including children's aspirin. You must decide for yourself. **Please read the 62 page text at this site and your eyes will be opened! You will be appalled. Court Case # C 04 3872 is at the following site. www.wnho.net/nutrasweet_Company_lawsuit.htm**

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