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# CU Regents Settle in Arsenal Suit

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Four former Rocky Mountain Arsenal employees and the widow of a fifth have reached a settlement in a suit filed in 1979 against the University of Colorado Board of Regents and a federally employed physician who allegedly failed to tell the five of the long-

term risks of exposure to nerve gas when being made at the facility.

Lawyers in the case Friday refused to disclose the amount of the cash settlement in the case, which was to have gone to trial Monday before U.S. District Judge Zita Weinstienk. The four former employees and the widow of the fifth had sued for more than \$23

million in actual and exemplary damages in their 19-claim action.

The suit was filed by Ralph and Mercedes Burdfield, Ray and Betty Laughridge, Charles and Alice Jackson, Felix and Emily Subla

and Anna Romero. The latter's husband, Joseph, also had been an arsenal employee. He died in 1976.

The five men had been employed in the manufacture of the nerve gas during the 1950s.

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