

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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IN RE DIET DRUGS)	
(PHENTERMINE/FENFLURAMINE/)	
DEXFENFLURAMINE) PRODUCTS) MDL NO. 1203	
LIABILITY LITIGATION)	
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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:)	
ALL ACTIONS)	
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SHEILA BROWN, et al. v. AMERICAN) CIVIL ACTION NO. 99-20593	
HOME PRODUCTS CORPORATION)	
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PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 1159

AND NOW, TO WIT, this 14th day of January, 2000, upon consideration of American Home Products Corporation's Emergency Motion for Protective Order, IT IS ORDERED that said motion is GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the prohibitions on discovery imposed by Pretrial Order No. 22 shall remain in effect until further order of the court.

The discovery requests filed on American Home Products Corporation that are the subject of the instant motion was initiated by "New York Intervenors," "New York Plaintiffs" and "Texas Plaintiffs." Although the discovery is signed by various counsel from New York and Texas, none of the counsel identify the plaintiffs they purport to represent. Consequently, the court is unable to determine whether these parties have standing to file papers and seek discovery in this action. Prior to initiating any discovery, these parties must identify themselves and establish their right to intervene for the challenged discovery, either by formally objecting to the settlement or by seeking intervention pursuant to the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24. Because these parties have not done so, the court grants the Brown motion for a protective order.

BY THE COURT



LOUIS C. BECHTLE, J.