Grace lawsuit included 33 plaintiffs

The Woburn toxic waste lawsuit, Anderson et al. v. W.R. Grace, named 33 persons as plaintiffs, including six who have died of leukemia.

The names of the deceased plaintiffs are:
- Roland L. Gamache, who died April 13, 1986, at the age of 38.
- Patrick Toomey, who died March 28, 1981, at the age of 11.

Two other plaintiffs also suffered from leukemia. Both of their cases are now in remission.
- Kevin Kane Jr., 15, who was diagnosed with leukemia in June 1973.
- Jessica Aufiero, 10, who was diagnosed in March 1981.

Jessica's family is not related to Jarrod Aufiero.

The seven East Woburn families and one Winchester family (Jessica Aufiero's family moved to Winchester in 1979 after living in East Woburn for six years, according to court records) also claimed that the surviving family members suffered from their exposure to chemicals.

Those illnesses include heart disease, liver damage, skin problems, neurological dysfunction and lessened immune system response.

Markey hails toxic trial settlement

WOBURN — U.S. Rep. Edward J. Markey, D-Malden, released the following statement today concerning the settlement of the Woburn toxic waste trial:

"I am gratified that the eight families in Woburn, who became victims of toxic waste, have finally been compensated.

"No amount of money possible can ever begin to make up for the loss of a child. But it is my hope that the lesson of Woburn and this court settlement will be felt by corporate polluters everywhere.

"This has been a long, painful and difficult process for the families involved, and it underscores the need for national legislation to compensate victims of toxic waste.

"Federal legislation must be put in place that will prevent another Woburn from happening ever again."