Roundup weedkiller cancer trials now trending Bayer’s way

Bayer on [March 5] said it won a trial in a lawsuit brought by a retired postal service worker in Pennsylvania who alleged he developed non-Hodgkins lymphoma from using the company’s Roundup weedkiller.

In addition to the jury verdict in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Bayer said a California farmer, who said he contracted the same type of cancer from exposure to the product, and his wife on [March 5] voluntarily dropped their lawsuit while a trial was underway in the in state court in Sonoma County, California.

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[The March 5] victories come on the heels of another trial win for the company in Arkansas on [March 1]. Bayer has now prevailed in 13 of the last 20 Roundup trials, while plaintiffs have scored large verdicts totaling more than $4 billion, including $2.25 billion in a single case in January.

The company is appealing its trial losses, which include large punitive damages awards that are likely to be reduced because they exceed U.S. Supreme Court guidance.

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