

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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NANCY MAYER WHITTINGTON, CLERK  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

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MARY LEE AGEE, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

EDWARD T. SCHAFER, Secretary,  
United States Department of Agriculture,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 08-882 (PLF)

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FOREST KIMBROUGH, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

EDWARD T. SCHAFER, Secretary,  
United States Department of Agriculture,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 08-901 (PLF)

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LINDA ADAMS, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

EDWARD T. SCHAFER, Secretary,  
United States Department of Agriculture,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 08-919 (PLF)

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NATIONAL BLACK FARMERS  
ASSOCIATION, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

EDWARD T. SCHAFER, Secretary,  
United States Department of Agriculture,

Defendant.

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Civil Action No. 08-940 (PLF)

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WILLIE E. BENNETT, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

EDWARD T. SCHAFER, Secretary,  
United States Department of Agriculture,

Defendant.

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Civil Action No. 08-962 (PLF)

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AMBROSE MCKINNEY, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

EDWARD T. SCHAFER, Secretary,  
United States Department of Agriculture,

Defendant.

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Civil Action No. 08-1062 (PLF)



ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer about this problem on or before July 11, 2008, and be prepared to discuss proposals for alleviating it at the upcoming status conference; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall, during the course of their discussions, consider whether the appointment of a special master would be an effective way to deal with this problem. Specifically, the parties shall discuss the possibility of appointing a special master for the purpose of providing neutral, accurate information to potential plaintiffs regarding the Act and the status of suits brought under the Act. The parties shall also discuss whether it would make sense for said special master to consult with the court-appointed Monitor in the Pigford case about coordination of any communication efforts between the special master and the Pigford Monitor; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that if the parties agree that a special master would be an effective way to ensure that potential plaintiffs are adequately informed about the Act and suits brought under the Act, the parties shall be prepared to discuss candidates for the position at the upcoming status conference.

SO ORDERED.



PAUL L. FRIEDMAN  
United States District Judge

DATE: 7/3/08