IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BEAUMONT DIVISION

IN RE NORPLANT CONTRACEPTIVE PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION	§ § §	MDL No. 1038 ALL CASES

ORDER LIMITING THE NUMBER OF PLAINTIFFS PER CASE

It has been brought to the court's attention that the efficient clerical administration of the Norplant docket is being hampered by the filing and maintenance of cases featuring an excessive number of plaintiffs in each case. Accordingly, the court hereby ORDERS that counsel limit the population of each case to a maximum of fifty plaintiffs. In pending cases that exceed this limit, counsel are directed to split these cases so as to comply with the fifty plaintiff ceiling by September 10, 1996. The court will not permit interventions into cases that will result in a violation of this ceiling.

SIGNED this the 15th day of August 1996.

RICHARD A. SCHELL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE