

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

TIMOTHY C. PIGFORD, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MIKE JOHANNNS, SECRETARY,
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE,

Defendant.

Civil Action No.
97-1978 (PLF)

CECIL BREWINGTON, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MIKE JOHANNNS,

Defendant.

Civil Action No.
98-1693 (PLF)

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the Motion of Alexander J. Pires, Jr. to withdraw as class counsel and co-lead counsel and for the substitution of David J. Frantz as class counsel and co-lead counsel. The defendant does not oppose this motion. Mr. Pires has served as counsel in this case since 1997. He is leaving the active practice of law on June 30, 2006 and is now a legal resident of Delaware where he has business interests. David Frantz has been actively involved in the case since 1999 and has had a substantial role in the efforts to implement the Consent Decree since January 2004. Mr. Frantz is qualified to serve as class counsel and co-lead counsel with Phillip Fraas and J.L. Chestnut in this case. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the Motion is granted and the appearance of Alexander J. Pires, Jr. as class counsel and co-lead counsel is hereby withdrawn, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that David J. Frantz is hereby substituted for Mr. Pires as class counsel and co-lead counsel.

Entered this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Paul L. Friedman
United States District Judge