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**Tran To Nga's lawsuit against Agent Orange  
manufacturers rejected by French courts**

**Chester, VT (May 12, 2021)** – The High Court in Evry, France ruled that French-Vietnamese Tran To Nga's human injury litigation against 14 multinational chemical manufacturers of Agent Orange was inadmissible. The court determined they have no jurisdiction over the case as the chemical companies were U.S. government contractors.

Nga's landmark case, which named Monsanto (having since been acquired by Bayer) and Dow Chemical, among others, sought damages for the harmful health effects of Agent Orange, that was contaminated with Dioxin during the manufacturing process, on three generations of her family as the result of her exposure during the war.

Between 1962 and 1971, the U.S. military conducted a covert program codenamed "Operation Ranch Hand," which sprayed 12 million gallons of Dioxin-contaminated Agent Orange, in addition to 8 million gallons of other herbicides on Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. This comes to an average of 5,500 gallons a day for 3,638 days, used to defoliate the forests and destroy crops.

"The chemical companies were aware they were providing the U.S. with herbicides contaminated with dioxin. It is time for them to take ownership of the damage caused by their negligence. Nga plans to appeal the court's decision or if necessary file in another court." –Susan Hammond, Founder, War Legacies Project

For many decades now, the chemical manufacturers have denied responsibility for the alleged human health damages associated with the herbicides, citing they were simply suppliers of the herbicides to the U.S. government. Nevertheless, the court's ruling against Tran To Nga will have implications for thousands of victims of the herbicides for years to come.

Greater visibility of the devastating legacies of the herbicides is anticipated with the recent *New York Times Magazine* feature "[The Victims of Agent Orange the U.S. Has Never Acknowledged](#)" and the release of the documentary [The People vs Agent Orange](#) (2020).

**About War Legacies Project**

WLP is a global NGO that helps persons in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, as well as in the U.S., including veterans, overcome ongoing legacies of the Vietnam War-era use of the transgenerationally toxic Agent Orange and unexploded ordnance remaining hidden under the soil.

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