

COURT ROUNDUP

Spelter smelter settlement to allot monies for families who relocate

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CLARKSBURG — Those who relocate during soil and indoor cleanup of their homes as part of the Spelter smelter class action settlement will receive \$100 a day living expenses.

That total is per family unit, according to Michael Jacks, the executive director of the settlement claims office.

The claims office also will pay for the rooms, Jacks said. At this point, discounted rates have been negotiated at the Microtel by the Jerry Dove Drive exit of Interstate 79, and the Sleep Inn off Lodgeville Road.

Jacks anticipates as many as 600 homeowners could participate in the cleanup program over a two-year period. It's unclear how many of that total would relocate.

There may be more participation once residents have seen the final results of cleanup at some properties.

The \$100 per day can be used for food, although there are no restrictions on how it's spent, Jacks indicated.

Harrison Circuit Judge Thomas A. Bedell signed off on the \$100 per diem and the motel process after they were brought to his attention by Claims Administrator Ed Gentle.