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CORRECTION

In the July 2004 edition of the *ECG Bulletin*, The Royal Society of Chemistry Environmental Chemistry Group published an article by Mike Sharpe entitled "*Deadly waters run deep: the global arsenic crisis*".

That article stated that the Natural Environment Research Council ("NERC") and its research institute, the British Geological Survey ("BGS"), were being sued by 750 Bangladeshis in the High Court in London. It also stated that BGS had applied to have the claim struck out in May 2003, but that the application had been dismissed.

The article was correct in its summary of the status of the Court proceedings when it was first published in 2003. However, NERC has since appealed the High Court's decision to dismiss its application. The Court of Appeal agreed with NERC and struck the claim out in February 2004. The Claimants are currently applying to the House of Lords for permission to appeal the Court of Appeal's decision. NERC deny negligence.