Suit Co-Plaintiffs

Plaintiff Air Alliance Houston ("AAH") is a non-profit environmental advocacy group that works to reduce air pollution and other health and safety threats, including those from chemical disasters, within the Houston, Texas area. AAH protects public health and environmental integrity through applied research, education, and advocacy efforts focused heavily on the Houston Ship Channel area, which includes areas where many oil refineries are located, along with other facilities that store and use chemical substances. It is part of AAH’s core mission to provide services to concerned residents in these communities exposed to and affected by releases of chemicals into the community, in the form of information and assistance to educate them about their exposure, and to help them protect themselves and their families from these health and safety threats when possible, as well as to seek and work for stronger health and safety protections, including from chemical disasters at nearby facilities.

Plaintiff Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility ("PEER") is a nonprofit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia and headquartered in Silver Spring, MD. It is a national alliance of local, state and federal resource professionals. PEER’s articles of incorporation declare its mission to include educating the public and speaking out, as well as defending those who speak out, about environmental ethics and compliance with environmental laws. PEER works nationwide with government scientists, land managers, environmental law enforcement agents, field specialists, and other resource professionals committed to responsible management of America’s public resources, including national parks and other public lands.

Plaintiff Louisiana Bucket Brigade ("LBB") is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit environmental health and justice organization that works with communities that neighbor Louisiana’s oil refineries and chemical plants. It is involved in regular visits with community partners several times every month and handles complaints from residents concerning illness and anxiety caused by exposure to industrial chemical releases. LBB’s founding director is personally impacted as she has been exposed to chemical releases during these regular community visits.

Plaintiff United Support and Memorial for Workplace Fatalities ("USMWF") is a nonprofit organization that offers support, guidance, and resources to those affected by preventable workplace-related deaths or serious injuries, including those within oil refineries and chemical plants. USMWF works directly with families that have been affected by preventable workplace-related incidents and has firsthand understanding of the everlasting effect that tragic injuries and fatalities have on families.

Plaintiff Neil Carman, Ph.D, is a chemist and the Clean Air Program Director for the Texas Sierra Club. He has focused on industrial plant air pollution and chemical safety issues for the last twenty-five years and previously spent twelve years with the Texas Council on Environmental Quality as a state air pollution inspector. Through his employment with the Sierra Club, Dr. Carman evaluates air toxics monitoring around industrial sources and works with community members surrounding large industrial plants, including review of emissions and technical data on industrial sources of air pollution and their impacts on communities of color and low-income neighborhoods. Through this work he regularly interacts with state, federal, and industry stakeholders concerning chemical safety.