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## Sewage Sludge Incinerator/Wastewater Treatment Plant: Class Action Complaint Filed in United States District Court Against Woonsocket, Rhode Island Facility Operators

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Plaintiffs Maurice Doire and Joshua Hoye, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, filed a Class Action Complaint and Jury Demand ("Complaint") on July 26th in the United States District Court of Rhode Island against Synagro Woonsocket, LLC, ("SW") and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., ("JEG") for alleged damages associated with a Woonsocket, Rhode Island, wastewater treatment plant ("WWTP") and sewage sludge incinerator ("Incinerator") that they are stated to operate and maintain. See Case No. 1:23-cv-310.

The Plaintiffs are alleged to either reside or have resided in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

JEG is alleged to operate and maintain the WWTP. SW is stated to operate and maintain the Incinerator.

The Complaint alleges that the Facilities emit odors into the ambient air outside of the Facilities' boundaries. Such alleged odors are stated to have caused:

- Serious and substantial discomfort and inconvenience that have interfered with the use and enjoyment of Plaintiffs' properties
- Property damage
- Adverse effects to the value of Plaintiffs' properties

Causes of action alleged in the Complaint include:

- Private nuisance
- Public nuisance
- Negligence

## The Complaint requests:

- Certification of the proposed Class
- Designation of the two individuals as representatives of the proposed Class
- Award of compensatory and exemplary relief in addition to any attorneys' fees and costs
- Injunctive relief not inconsistent with Defendants' federally and state enforced air permits

- An Order holding that entrance of the aforementioned noxious odors upon Plaintiffs' properties constitutes a nuisance
- An Order holding that entrance of the aforementioned noxious odors upon Plaintiffs' properties was done by Defendants' negligence

A copy of the Complaint can be downloaded <u>here</u>.