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- [State Court Ruling Recognizes Environmental Racism Implications of Proposed Formosa Facility](#): In a ruling on November 18, 2020, a state court in the 19th Judicial District of Louisiana in Baton Rouge ordered the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) to more thoroughly consider the pollution and health risks associated with a large plastics production facility proposed by FG LA, LLC (“Formosa”). The court ruled in response to a motion filed by TELC on behalf of its client, Beverly Alexander, a resident living near the proposed site for the complex who intervened in a challenge to the LDEQ air permits. The motion argued that the LDEQ used outdated health risk data in its analysis that obscured the disproportionate cancer risk nearby communities already face as a result of air pollution permitting by LDEQ and offered updated, accurate health risk information. Noting that “environmental racism exists, and . . . operates through the state’s institutions,” the court remanded the matter to LDEQ for a more thorough environmental justice analysis. (199-001.1)