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Companies want to withhold suit information from public

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Exxon Corp. and a waste disposal company plan to ask the Louisiana Supreme Court to hear their reasons for trying to keep secret certain information in a lawsuit filed by a Lafourche Parish community against the companies.

State District Judge Bruce Simpson recently refused to grant Exxon and U.S. Liquids of Louisiana a motion to stop attorneys for 300 residents of Grand Bois from circulating information about the case.

The 1st Circuit Court of Appeal refused to take up the case.

Both companies wanted the plaintiffs' attorneys blocked from providing information gained from depositions and other sources to the media. The companies said making such information public would make a fair trial impossible.

"We're seeking a fair trial with impartial jurors," said Exxon spokesman David Gardner.

The residents are suing U.S. Liquids over a waste disposal site near their community, saying the facility has damaged their health. The suit was filed in 1994 after Exxon delivered 81 loads of oil field sludge from Alabama.

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