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CASE SPOTLIGHT

Challenging Delays in Clean Water Act Compliance in Hammond

United States of America and the State of Indiana v. The Sanitary District of Hammond
CLC is representing Hoosier Environmental Council in federal court to help prevent further delays in long-required sewage treatment improvements for the Little Calumet River.

What's at Stake

The Hammond Sanitary District has long been required to address untreated sewage and wastewater discharges affecting Northwest Indiana waterways. A 2017 federal consent decree required construction of a new treatment facility, but in late 2024, work on the required facility stopped.

CLC's Role

CLC represented Hoosier Environmental Council in a motion to intervene in the federal lawsuit between the United States and the Hammond Sanitary District in order to prevent indefinite delay and press for compliance with the Clean Water Act and the 2017 consent decree. The Magistrate Judge denied HEC's motion to intervene. In response, we submitted a FOIA request and are awaiting records from the EPA.

Why This Matters

Clean water protections only work when required improvements are actually completed. This case is about ensuring that court-ordered sewage treatment improvements are completed on schedule rather than delayed indefinitely. **Clean water matters.**

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