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CAUSE NO. 240272-C

RACHELLE GERIK	S	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
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Plaintiffs,	\$	
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VS.	\$	ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
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EAGLE RAILCAR SERVICES -	\$	
ORANGE, TEXAS , LLC	\$	
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Defendants,	S	<u>163RD</u> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PLAINTIFF'S EMERGENCY MOTION FOR ENTRY ON LAND

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW, Rachelle Gerik on behalf of herself and those similarly situated, and files her EMERGENCY Motion for Entry on Land Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 196.7(a).

Plaintiffs herein, and would respectfully show this Honorable Court the following:

FACTS

1. On Thursday, July 18, 2024, a railcar believed to be owned, operated, and/or controlled by the Defendants apparently began leaking hazardous chemicals into the air (although it may have started earlier) causing a foul odor to spread throughout West Orange, Texas and surrounding communities. According to the Plaintiff, the smell was like that of burnt acetone. The undersigned counsel now represents hundreds of individuals who were similarly affected. It appears that dozens of people went to the hospital on July 18, 2024, due to this chemical emission. Several of these people were kept overnight or put into intensive care. Still (likely) hundreds more people went to the doctor due to this release.

- 2. The Plaintiff secured the entry of a Temporary Restraining Order in order to send in attorneys and investigators to learn more about what happened and what was released. Eagle Railcar services was notified of the TRO by telephone call to the local facility and telephone call to their corporate office within minutes of the entry of the order. A copy of the Petition and Order was emailed to the President of Eagle Railcar, Marc Walraven, and Vice Presidents James Bullard and Ronnie Graves, about an hour after the order was entered. Since then, the undersigned counsel has reached out to both the local and corporate offices seeking a time and date for an inspection on a near daily basis. So far, the company has denied these requests.
- 3. Many clients of BCA continue to experience symptoms, but so far, because of a lack of cooperation, a basic inspection has not occurred. This means that BCA has no way to confirm what has been released and the doctors don't know how best to treat patients. A pattern of obfuscation intially started last week, when Eagle failed to alert local officials of the dangers to the community. The plan continued as the effects of the release were initially downplayed in the media. And it continues today.

II. ARUGUMENTS

- 4. Tex. R. Civ P. 196.7(a), allows a party on motion and hearing to gain entry to land to inspect, measure, survey, photograph, test, and sample the property or any designated object on the property. Plaintiff seeks to conduct of an inspection at Defendants facility at Eagle Railcar Services 1993 Foreman Rd, Orange, TX 77630 for the purposes of inspecting (including taking photographs and drone video) of the railcar, flaring operations, surrounding areas, and any posted documentation, and any other matter related to the release on July 18, 2024.
- 5. Plaintiff requests that this be done as soon as it can possibly be done safely after the courts hearing on this matter.

PRAYER

WHERFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays that this Court hold a hearing and

order the Defendants to allow Plaintiffs to enter their property and inspect the site and for any other relief to which she may show herself to be entitled.

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