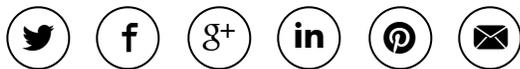


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# Toxic Tort Case Against Kinder Morgan Will Now Proceed In State Court

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Good news for the Plaintiffs, Y & S Auto Body. U.S. District Court Judge Otero remanded the case back to state court where the Plaintiffs originally filed.

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Attorneys [Joe Curd](#) and [Alex Galindo](#) of the law offices of [Curd, Galindo & Smith, LLP](#) announced today that U.S. District Court Judge S. J. Otero sent Plaintiffs' ([Y & S Auto Body](#)) case (Safar et al v. Kinder Morgan et al U.S. District Court/Central District Case No.: CV10-7171 SJO) back to Judge Roy Paul in Los Angeles Superior Court-San Pedro.

Judge Paul will now decide the issues raised by Plaintiffs (Younan Safer and Y & S Auto Body) including claims that toxic hydrocarbon pollutants leaked from the neighboring property owned and operated by [Kinder Morgan](#) onto Plaintiffs' property. Plaintiffs, in their lawsuit, have alleged that its soil has been contaminated by oil and other hydrocarbon products as a result of years of leaks emanating from storage tanks maintained by Kinder Morgan.

Court documents state that Plaintiffs claim their damages are in excess of \$30,000,000 and that remediation may cause the shut down of their business. Plaintiffs are engaged in on-going testing and monitoring of their site to insure that the pollutants are not contaminating the ground water.

The court file also shows that Kinder Morgan, who originally counter sued British Petroleum (BP) over the same contamination, denies the claims. Court documents state that Kinder Morgan has sold its former site for residential development. The California Department of



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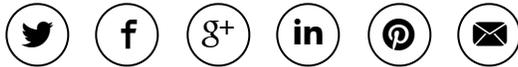
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Substance Control continues to monitor the site for the safety of the public.

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