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**Great Rivers Environmental Law Center Files Suit
Over Asphalt Plant in Kansas City Area**

On behalf of Concerned Citizens for Air (CCA) and the City of Grandview, Missouri (“Grandview”), Great Rivers Environmental Law Center filed suit in Jackson County, Missouri, on Friday, October 11, 2013. The lawsuit asserts that the Ideker asphalt plant located adjacent to Grandview at 5600 E. MO 150 Highway in Kansas City, MO, emits pollutants, including nitrogen oxides and fine particulate matter at levels which exceed safe limits. These pollutants are associated with serious respiratory ailments and other health issues, especially for children and the elderly. Two elementary schools are located within 4,000 feet of the asphalt plant.

“As a property owner, and coming from five generations that lived, worked and played in Grandview, I am appalled that this plant was allowed to receive a permit to operate, in light of the fact that the plant produces pollutants above EPA standards,” said Kathy Wilson Sutoris, President of CCA. “As a retired elementary school teacher for the Grandview C-4 school district, who taught in the community for 32 years, I have a vested interest in the health of all the children in this area, and putting children at risk is unacceptable,” she concludes.

The plant’s original permit was issued in June of 2012 by the City of Kansas City, acting as agent for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR). Since then, air quality experts have found emissions which exceed air quality standards.

“MoDNR now is poised to issue another permit for the asphalt plant which fails to meet air quality requirements, putting at risk the health of children and adults living, working and attending school around the Plant,” said Bruce Morrison, Great Rivers’ General Counsel. The lawsuit asks for the Court to issue a temporary restraining order halting issuance of the new permit and for the Court to decide if the government’s review of the permit application complied with EPA rules and regulations.