

# Area family suing oil company for \$13 million

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A Didsbury-area family is suing Angle Energy Incorporated for more than \$13,000,000, according to court documents.

A statement of claim was filed by plaintiff Diana Daunheimer with the Court of Queen's Bench on Dec. 6.

The suit alleges, among other things, that the company's activities on the Daunheimer property west of Didsbury (Lot 1, Plan 9211428 in NW 15-031-R2-W5) over the past several years have harmed the family members' health.

None of the allegations in the statement of claim have been proven in court. The 11-page statement of claim filed on Dec. 6 contends that on "numerous occasions throughout the company's five year operating history, occurring in close proximity to the Daunheimer residence, reasonable care was not exercised by Angle's employees and executives alike, resulting in chronic and acute operations that

have harmed the plaintiff's property, personal health, mental well being, financial status, personal safety and compromised the environment they rely on to exist.

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- DAUNHEIMER

### STATEMENT OF CLAIM

"Any reasonable person in our situation would have been damaged by Angle Energy's breach in duty. Angle Energy continues to breach this duty by causing and continuing to allow hazardous chemicals to remain in the ground surrounding and beneath the

plaintiff's property and in the Daunheimer residence water supply and allow the continual emissions from venting and instrument operations."

The statement outlines particular allegations of company negligence, including the following:

- failure to comply with the directives pertaining to public notifications and concerns.
- shoddy, incomplete or entirely absent record keeping that violates the minimum data requirements and other numerous mandates set out in the regulatory directives.
- non-compliant venting that put the health and safety of the plaintiff and her family at risk.
- non-compliant incineration of waste gases that put the health and safety of the Daunheimer family at risk.
- refusal to provide public documentation and request for meetings when the plaintiff frequently requested.
- not using reasonable care during operations to prevent contamination of the source aquifer for the Daunheimer property.
- Not using reasonable care in protecting well sites and associated above ground piping from strikes.
- failure to conduct reasonably diligent daily inspections and take appropriate measures to mitigate deficiencies on various well sites.
- failure to report known releases to the environment.

The suit also contends that "in most of the dealings the plaintiff had with Angle they demonstrated disgraceful conduct and engaged in reckless and intentional acts of exclusion and transgressions when interacting with the plaintiff. Company executives and employees operated outside of the natural boundary of civilized decency and this caused distress and emotional harm to the Daunheimer family."

The suit seeks general damages in the amount of \$8,000,000, special damages of \$405,557.50, and punitive damages of \$5,000,000.

Angle Energy did not immediately return a call seeking comment on when a statement of defence will be filed or whether the sale of the company to Bellatrix will impact the suit.

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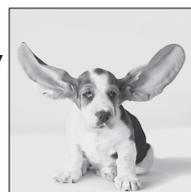


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