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Grant Township Statement Regarding Attorney's Fees

Monday, in federal court, Judge Baxter issued an order that says Grant Township owes PGE about \$103,000 in costs and attorney's fees. During our 5-year fight against the injection well, this federal court has sided with PGE multiple times—choosing a corporate entity's rights to pollute for profit over our inalienable rights to live in a safe environment.

While we have hoped for justice from the court all this time, we've bitterly learned to not expect it. Yesterday's hideous decision continues to reinforce what we've come to know: that our legal and political system favors polluting corporations above the health and safety of rural Pennsylvanians.

Further litigation continues in state court. Our Department of Environmental Protection has sued us for protecting our environment, which we continue to fight.

As of today, there is no injection well in Grant Township. As of today, the Home Rule Charter that our residents voted for, and which bans injection wells, remains on the books. And as of today, we will continue to carry out our duties to protect this community.

We will be talking with our attorneys about next steps, and we will seek the input and guidance of our constituents as we steadfastly slog away thru this mess.