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**Statement to News Media: \$73 million verdict in Johnson County District Court  
(Case Number CJ-08-192)**

On Tuesday, September 24, 2013 a Johnston County jury in Johnston County District Court awarded three Mill Creek, Oklahoma families \$73 million in damages for 10 million gallons of sewage that was pumped into creeks and streams on their properties in October of 2006.

On September 25, 2013 a news release was issued on this topic. The law firms, LandownerFirm.com of Coalgate, Oklahoma and the Environmental Law Center of Tulsa, Oklahoma, serve as lead counsel for the Mill Creek plaintiffs.

In counsel with these plaintiffs, they have requested that all communications on this verdict be channeled through counsel vis-a-vis their communication representative, George Snyder (see contact information below).

Due to the interest in this case, the Mill Creek families have authorized counsel to release the following individual statements regarding their reactions regarding this situation and the jury verdict.

**Mill Creek Family Statements**

**John Sikes on behalf of the Sikes family**

“My grandparents worked for 25 years to put a down payment on this property. That was in 1943 and they spent 40 years paying it off. It was their livelihood, legacy and family gathering place. Until 2006, five generations had enjoyed countless hours of family activities here. Since that time, due to the actions of MBI and B3, this legacy has been damaged. My father tried to stop them and now it's come to me to finish what he started. We endured for seven long years. Now, thanks to the jury's decision, we have received the justice we sought and we honor what meant so much to my father and all members of the Sikes' family.”

**Ava Converse on behalf of the Converse family**

“Our dad started buying this property on Mill Creek in 1961. The farm represents one of our most significant memories of him. The jury's decision sent a clear message that what B3 and MBI did was disrespectful as well as wrong. The verdict gives us some peace as it relates to our dad's legacy.”

**Shannon Shirley on behalf of the Shirley-Robbins family**

“Our lives were forever changed by the sewage dump. The creek is our household water source and we need it to survive. We are thankful that the system worked and that the jury and judge saw the case for what it was.”

## **Joint Statement from plaintiff families and their counsel**

We would also like to reiterate how appreciative we are to all of the staff at the courthouse for their availability through the entire case and to the jurors that sacrificed their time to sit on the jury.

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