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Lawsuit filed against ethanol plant

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Caro, MI - **It smells. It's noisy and it's dangerous.** Those are just some of the allegations in a **lawsuit filed by residents who live near the Caro Ethanol Plant.** ABC12's Terry Camp had more.

The lawsuit has been filed in Tuscola County circuit court. **The defendants are Michigan Ethanol and the village of Caro.**

Ron Woloshen lives with his 3-year-old son near the ethanol plants. Woloshen is one of about 20 plaintiffs filing the suit. They say the plant has disrupted their lives -- from loss of sleep because of noise, glaring lights and odors, to a decrease in their property values.

The suit also names the village of Caro, saying the village skirted zoning laws when the property the plant sits on was rezoned from light industrial to general industrial. That's a claim that Bill Campbell says is not true.

Campbell is the Indianfields Township zoning administrator and pitched Caro as a possible site for the ethanol plant when Vassar turned the plant developers down.

Ethanol is corn-based fuel that is becoming more popular. It brings millions of dollars into Tuscola County, so while Woloshen knows he's going up against the government and big business, the plaintiffs are confident.

There is no comment yet from the village of Caro or Michigan Ethanol, but officials from both sides said they will review the lawsuit over the next few days.

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