

Global Warming Public Nuisance Actions Will Stay in Federal Court

A U.S. District Court has rejected motions filed by the cities of Oakland and San Francisco to remand two global warming public nuisance lawsuits filed by the cities in state court against several large energy companies, reports **Anthony B. Cavender** in Pillsbury's **Gavel2Gavel** blog.

The companies are BP P.L.C., Chevron Corporation, ConocoPhillips Company, Exxon Mobil Corporation and Royal Dutch Shell plc). The case is *The People of the State of California v. BP P.L.C., et al.*

"The complaints filed by the City of Oakland and the City of San Francisco are based on the premise that, despite knowing of the risks associated with climate change and global warming, these companies continued to produce and sell their products to the public that uses fossil fuels in their day to day operations," Cavender writes. "The complaints seek an abatement fund to pay for seawalls and other infrastructure to address rising sea levels."

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