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Hexane Gas Sewer Explosion

At 4:31 a.m. on a peaceful winter night, a series of violent explosions rumbled through two miles of sewers beneath the streets of Louisville, Kentucky, leaving holes resembling World War II bomb craters. Buildings were shattered and millions of dollars in property damage resulted. The resulting class action litigation was centered in U.S. District Court. Our client, the Metropolitan Sewer District, was both a plaintiff (to recover tens of millions for damages to the Louisville sewer system) and a defendant. On the eve of trial, MSD received payment in full from a local hexane processor and was dismissed, as a defendant.

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