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Dear Climate Science Leaders,

Thanks again for joining the listserv! We wanted to share one recent decision from the U.S. District Court in Maryland.

As discussed in Woods Hole, there is a wave of cases filed by states, cities, and municipalities against fossil fuel companies alleging state common law and consumer protection causes of action. Here, Judge Stephanie Gallagher granted the City of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County's motions to remand the cases back to state court where they were originally filed. While climate science was not mentioned explicitly, the opinion discussed climate impacts. Namely, that plaintiffs' alleged harms stem from a tenfold increase in nuisance flooding events that result in business closures and damage to property (see pg. 6). These flooding events are a clear signal of climate change.

The opinion, as well as an article from E&E News about the decision, are attached.

Have a great weekend!

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