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Coosa River Group Files Pollution Suit

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—A $1 billion pollution suit has been brought against the General Electric Co. and the Monsanto Corp. by a group of 21 people who depend on the Coosa River for the livelihood and recreation.

The suit, filed Wednesday in federal court, charges that pollution from a General Electric plant near Rome Ga., into the Coosa River has ruined their businesses.

The plaintiffs said they filed the suit in the interest of more than 3,000 residents of northeast Alabama who depend on Weiss Lake—on the Alabama-Georgia border—for their livelihood, either directly or indirectly.

The damages sought may be the largest on record in an Alabama court.