

Indigenous Management (SATI-IM) to challenge the oil exploration in court. SATIIM filed a legal challenge to the oil exploration after learning that the oil corporation had been granted a permit to conduct seismic testing in the Park.

ELAW prepared an expert affidavit about seismic testing and its potential environmental impacts. The Supreme Court of Belize cancelled permission for seismic testing in the Park, requiring the defendants to assess the environmental impacts of such testing in a transparent manner before they reapply for permission.



Children watch gas flaring in Rumuekpe, Rivers State, Nigeria.

In December 2006, the local court ordered the city to immediately supply residents with clean water and build central water and sewage systems.

EPL's lead attorney on the case, Liza Aleksyeyeva, wrote: "I want to express my special thanks to Mark Chernaik [ELAW scientist] who prepared an affidavit on the human health risk of pollutant levels in Drohobych."

ENDING GAS FLARING IN NIGERIA

More gas is flared in the oil fields of the Niger Delta than anywhere else in the world. ELAW partners at Friends of the Earth Nigeria won a Federal High Court order to end this harmful and wasteful practice.

CLEAN WATER FOR DROHOBYCH, UKRAINE

ELAW partners at Environment People Law (EPL) are helping the residents of Drohobych get clean water. Since the early 1900's, a petroleum refinery has polluted groundwater in an area where residents still rely on their own wells for drinking water. EPL obtained data show-

ing that groundwater in this section of the city contains elevated levels of phenols. ELAW prepared a health risk assessment showing why these levels of contamination would render the groundwater undrinkable, a document that EPL translated into Ukrainian and submitted to the court.

Pollutants from gas flares expose Niger Delta communities to health risks and damage the environment. ELAW prepared a quantitative health risk assessment that its partners used to convince decision makers to end gas flaring. ■

All over the world, citizens are speaking out for the environment. People want to breathe clean air and they want to drink clean water. They want to keep toxic pollution out of their communities and they want to protect our global climate. They want their children to enjoy a clean, healthy, natural environment.

ELAW is helping people around the world speak out with strong voices and win victories for the environment. ELAW gives local lawyers the legal and scientific tools they need to:

1. Prevent pollution
2. Challenge environmental abuses
3. Strengthen and enforce environmental laws
4. Help citizens speak out for the environment

ELAW collaborates with partners in more than 60 countries around the world. As these pioneering advocates call on us for help, we help them win lasting victories for the environment, and we build a worldwide corps of skilled, committed advocates for the environment.

At ELAW, we firmly believe that grassroots attorneys working in their home countries know best how to protect the environment and build a sustainable future. That's why we always work with com-

mitted local partners. Our unique, global electronic network enables these advocates to call on us for the help they need. Every year, citizen lawyers around the world call on us for help with hundreds of efforts to protect the environment, and we provide critical help:

- Scientific equipment to monitor environmental conditions;
- Assessment of environmental data to identify toxins;
- Model laws and regulations;
- Environmental records of multinational corporations;
- Expert scientific testimony to support cases against polluters;
- Critiques of development proposals;
- Help drafting petitions and other court filings;
- Information about cleaner, more sustainable technologies;
- Help as partners develop cases and strengthen laws; and
- Educating communities about environmental rights.

By empowering citizen advocates to collaborate across borders, we enable them to share winning strategies and replicate victories for the environment.

ELAW also helps grassroots lawyers build strong organizations that will be protecting the environment for years to come. We have hosted roughly 100 lawyers for Environmental Leadership Fellowships in Eugene, where they gain language skills, tap legal and scientific resources, work closely with ELAW staff, and learn from U.S. efforts to protect the environment and public health.

ELAW has proven itself a powerful force in protecting the global environment. As ELAW empowers its partners with the support they need, we strengthen local organizations and help build a worldwide corps of skilled, committed advocates working to defend the environment for years to come.