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Yo! What happened to (Green)peace?

We'll find out next Wednesday at 3pm when North Dakota journalist Mary Steurer visits EA129 Environmental Law to discuss the recent jury verdict against Greenpeace over their role in the Dakota Access Pipeline protests.

As you might remember, in April 2016 a grassroots protest began in connection with the Standing Rock Indian Reservation against construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota. The pipeline crosses two rivers, the Missouri and Mississippi, and goes under Lake Oahe, located near the Sioux Tribe Reservation. The protest was eventually ended in February 2017 with an eviction by the National Guard and local law enforcement.

In 2019, the developer of the pipeline sued Greenpeace in a North Dakota court for defamation. Last month, a jury ruled against Greenpeace. While they will appeal, the 660 million dollar verdict stunned the environmental community, really putting the slap in SLAPP suit.

Ms. Steurer, who attended and reported on the trial, will give us an inside look at the parties, the witnesses, the evidence, the judge, the jury, and the community around this historic case. Please join EA129 at the Broad Performance Space at Pitzer on Wednesday April 16, 3pm for what should be an insightful conversation. All are welcome, but if you're interested in protest movements, the environmental movement, energy extraction, Indigenous People's history, free speech chilling effects, journalism, or law, this one's for you.

Background on the case:

<https://climatecasechart.com/case/energy-transfer-lp-v-greenpeace-international/>

Background on Ms. Steurer:

<https://northdakotamonitor.com/author/mary-steurer/>

And to add some extra spice:

<https://apnews.com/article/keystone-oil-pipeline-north-dakota-spill-36e86142566763a5464e1dd132eede56>

Ms. Steurer will appear via Zoom.

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