

Formosa rezoning brings lawsuit

EDGARD — A lawsuit filed at the St. John the Baptist Parish courthouse Monday by an environmental group, Save Our Wetlands, names three parish groups as the defendants in the issue of rezoning 1,800 acres of land in Wallace for a petrochemical complex.

St. John Parish President Lester J. Millet Jr., the nine parish council members and the Port of South Louisiana are being sued for

allowing Formosa Plastics Corp. to purchase land which was not zoned for heavy industrial use.

The organization claims that the parish did not properly consider several aspects of the zone change including what would become of homes which stand near the plant and the wetlands located behind the proposed plant site.

The parish council voted April 19 to change the zones.