Miss Houston Road

but behind the seemingly glamorous modeling life, Jackie's personal struggles continued.

It started with seizures in her early 20s. The mysterious symptoms expanded to skin lesions and even the loss of motor control, including the use of her hands. "I would have a model with sores on her body from head to toe or someone losing their hair," she said.

The following year, she was diagnosed with leukemia. Overnight, her body had not only been ravaged by cancer but also by all the heavy metals and chemicals in her life. Suddenly, a seemingly happy family was facing its darkest hour.

After being treated for her cancer, she continued to have seizures. She was eventually diagnosed with autoimmune disease and was diagnosed with lupus.

In 2012, she snapped his spine while trying to lift a heavy piece of furniture. Her doctors pointed out that she had became brittle and weak from previous undiagnosed multiple myeloma, a cancer that starts in bone marrow.

/of all Jackie's family members, her father seemed to get sick most of the time. Most severely, he would become bed-ridden with severe symptoms and spent several times a year in the hospital.

In 2013, she had a spinal fracture that required surgery. She was diagnosed with lupus, a disease that causes inflammation in various parts of the body.

It's difficult to know the source of contamination of their well water with certainty, but Jackie suspects the San Jacinto River waste pits as a primary source. These pits were built along the river in the 1970s for disposal of paper mill waste. Over their existence, the pits are now partially submerged in the San Jacinto River.

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THE STORY INTERACTIVELY DOCUMENTS THE "CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL ABANDONMENT OF THE WASTE AND POLLUTANTS INTO THE ENVIRONMENT AND FOOD CHAIN" BY THE COMPANIES, FOUNDED BY DECADES OF NEGLIGENCE, A "CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE," CONTENT TO LET IT HAPPEN. SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM. OUR PROBLEM.

IN NOVEMBER OF 2009, AFTER THE WASTE PITS WERE ADDED TO THE EPA'S SUPERFUND LIST, THE COMPANIES WERE ORDERED TO STUDY THE SITE AND SUBMIT A REPORT. THEY Hired INDEPENDENT SEIMENT SCIENTIST DAVID KEECH AS PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR THE STUDIES. RECENTLY, HE PRESENTED THE RESULTS OF HIS WORK TO THE HOUCHRON CHRONICLE, ARGUING THAT OBJECTIVE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS OUGHT TO DRIVE ANY DECISION ABOUT THE WASTE PITS.

THE EMA DOESN'T SEEM TO BE SATISFIED WITH THE COMPANIES' OBJECTIONS TO SCIENCE. ON JULY 29, THE EMA ANNOUNCED IT WAS TAKING "INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF SITE DESIGN AND POTENTIAL RIVER/WEATHER CONDITIONS."

SINCE THE SAN JAC WASTE PITS WERE DISCLOSED BY THE STATE IN 2005, WASTE MANAGEMENT, INTERNATIONAL PAPER AND NINC HAVE CHIPPED IN TO "ARMORED CAP" BUT THE CAP IS NOT DESIGNED TO PROTECT YOU, IT'S TO PROTECT THEM FROM A GROWING STORM OF LITIGATION, EXTRAS, AND PUBLIC CONDEMNATION.