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**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC AND OWNER**  
**PLEAD GUILTY TO CLEAN WATER ACT VIOLATION**

*Defendants agree to pay \$50,000.00 fine*

**LAFAYETTE, La.** - Sidney J. Hebert, former Iberia Parish Sheriff, and Environmental Compliance Solutions, LLC (ECS) pleaded guilty to the negligent operation of a water treatment facility in violation of the Clean Water Act (CWA), United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today.

ECS was formed for the purpose of wastewater treatment and discharge pursuant to a permit issued by the State of Louisiana. The permit allowed ECS to operate as a centralized waste treatment facility.

During today's court proceeding, Hebert, who was the on-site manager at ECS, admitted that he was negligent in the operation procedures at ECS. An inspection of ECS on June 2, 2009, by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), revealed that wastewaters were bypassing the filtration system and were ultimately being discharged into the Commercial Canal located in the Port of Iberia. Hebert, who was also part owner, president and the responsible corporate officer of ECS from June 2007 through June 2009, failed to maintain the required documentation, prepare reports and implement plans, and perform proper testing as mandated by the permit.

United States Attorney Finley stated: "Our office will continue to prosecute those who violate the Clean Water Act. Protection of our local waters is a priority, and we, along with our partners at EPA and La. DEQ, are committed to making sure that the laws, which are designed to safeguard the citizens of our communities, are enforced."

Hebert and ECS have agreed to cease operation of the wastewater treatment facility and will pay a fine in the amount of \$50,000.00. Additionally, at sentencing, Sidney J. Hebert faces imprisonment of not more than one year

This case was investigated by Special Agent Brett Spiers, Criminal Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency and Investigator Maureen Kennedy, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Myers P. Namie.

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