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Judge sentences violator to 21 months in prison

BATON ROUGE -- Terry Pierre LeBlanc was sentenced to 21 months in prison in federal court on Thursday for illegal disposal of construction materials in a wetland. LeBlanc, has operated the unpermitted LeBlanc Dump Site since the early 1990's.

The LeBlanc Dump was located in Lafayette Parish off of Lake Martin Road and is on the banks of the Vermilion River. According to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's Environmental Manager for Criminal Investigations, Peter Ricca, LeBlanc's sentence was a result of the cooperation of state and federal investigators and prosecutors.

"We've issued numerous noncompliance orders to him (LeBlanc) before," Ricca said. "This a case where the DEQ and the Environmental Protection Agency worked together to stop what was a threat to the environment."

DEQ's lead investigator on the case was Heather Evans.

"This case was particularly disturbing to the environment because construction and demolition materials were dumped in an environmentally sensitive area near the Vermilion River," she said.