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Jefferson Parish man pleads guilty to submitting false records to DEQ

BATON ROUGE –Today, Marc Victoriano, 38, of Marrero, pled guilty in 19th Judicial District Court to knowingly making a false representation on a form filed with DEQ. Victoriano is the operator of Professional Safety Consultants, an asbestos abatement training provider. In 2009, Victoriano knowingly prepared asbestos course forms that falsely misrepresented the number of accredited instructors teaching asbestos training courses. DEQ regulations require that two or more accredited instructors must be listed for each asbestos training course. Victoriano knowingly submitted the false forms to DEQ in Baton Rouge with the name of an instructor that was out of the state on the dates the classes were taught.

Criminal investigators within the DEQ Criminal Investigation Division arrested Victoriano for submitting false documents to DEQ in April 2010. Today in East Baton Rouge Parish, Victoriano was sentenced to 12 months of probation, ordered to pay \$3,040.00 to DEQ for the costs of its investigation, perform 30 hours of community service, and ordered to pay a \$100 fine.

“DEQ-CID will actively pursue anyone who disregards the state’s environmental laws,” said DEQ-CID Manager Jeffrey Nolan.

The case was prosecuted by East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney Hillar Moore’s office.

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