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## **FORMER OWNER OF DISPOSAL BUSINESS PLEADS GUILTY TO UNLAWFULLY DUMPING SEWAGE**

### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - December 14, 2012**

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that the former owner of a waste company, Dennis Johnson, pled guilty today before United States Magistrate Judge Karen Crawford to unlawfully dumping sewage in Imperial County. In entering his guilty plea, the defendant admitted that in January 2011, while he was an owner and operator of All-in-1 Environmental Services, he dumped domestic sewage onto land along Red Cloud Road in Imperial County, California, rather than dispose of it in an appropriate and safe manner.

According to court records, All-in-1 Environmental Services, Inc. is in the business of pumping out septic tanks and porta potties. Johnson acknowledged that at the time he dumped the sewage onto land next to Red Cloud Road, he had not tested the sewage to determine the concentration of pollutants or provided notice to the owner of the land onto which it was dumped.

U.S. Attorney Duffy stated, "This case demonstrates our continuing commitment to protect the environment by prosecuting individuals who put their own business interests above the welfare of our community."

The plea is subject to final acceptance by United States District Judge Irma E. Gonzalez. Johnson is scheduled to be sentenced on March 4, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Gonzalez.

**DEFENDANT**

Criminal Case No. 12cr5-96-IEG

Dennis Johnson

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Unlawful Disposal of Sewage, in Violation of Title 33, United States Code, Sections 1345(e) and 1319(c)(2)(A).

Maximum Penalties: 3 years in custody and/or \$50,000 fine per day of violation (\$5,000 minimum fine), \$100 special assessment.

**AGENCIES**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Criminal Investigations Division  
Bureau of Land Management, Criminal Investigations Division