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**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC AND OWNER
SENTENCED FOR CLEAN WATER ACT VIOLATION**

Environmental Compliance Solutions ordered to pay \$50,000.00 fine

Lafayette, La.: Sidney J. Hebert, former Iberia Parish Sheriff, and Environmental Compliance Solutions, LLC (ECS) were sentenced today for the negligent operation of a water treatment facility in violation of the Clean Water Act (CWA), United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced. Hebert, 52, of New Iberia, La., was sentenced to three years probation and 120 hours of community service. Hebert was also ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$1,800.00. Environmental Compliance Solutions was ordered to pay a \$50,000.00 fine. The sentence was handed down by U. S. Magistrate Judge C. Michael Hill.

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.

Hebert, who was the on-site manager at ECS, 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. Hebert and ECS have agreed to cease operation of the wastewater treatment facility and have funded remediation of the site.

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Secretary Peggy Hatch stated: "The department takes environmental crimes seriously. It's unfortunate that there are people who try to bypass environmental regulations. DEQ will continue to work closely with its federal, state and local partners to create an atmosphere where people better understand why it's important for everyone to abide by environmental laws."

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 was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Myers P. Namie.

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