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**SHREVEPORT WASTEWATER MANAGER PLEADS GUILTY TO  
DISCHARGING POLLUTANTS INTO THE RED RIVER**

**Shreveport, La.:** United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Cody Tuma, 28, of Shreveport, pled guilty today to discharging untreated wastewater directly into the Red River without a permit in violation of the Clean Water Act.

Cody Tuma was plant operator in 2005 and night shift supervisor in 2006 at Arkla Disposal Services, Inc. ("Arkla"). The Arkla facility, located at 10845 Highway 1 South in Shreveport, was a centralized wastewater treatment facility that received wastewater from industrial processes and oilfield exploration and production facilities. Arkla contracted to treat the wastewater through a multi-step treatment process and then discharge the treated wastewater to either the City of Shreveport publicly owned treatment works or the Red River.

The one-count Bill of Information charges that between January 2005 through at least August 2005, Tuma negligently discharged and caused to be discharged pollutants into the Red River without a permit. The Clean Water Act, specifically 33 U.S.C. § 1319(c)(1)(A), makes it a misdemeanor to negligently violate section 1311 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1311. Tuma faces a penalty of one year imprisonment or a fine of not more than \$100,000, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the unlawful conduct, or both. Sentencing has been set for June 20, 2012.

John Tuma, 53, of Centerville, Texas, still faces charges filed in February 2011 in a five-count indictment with violations of the Clean Water Act, conspiracy and obstruction of justice related to illegal discharges coming from the Arkla Disposal Services, Inc., a facility in Shreveport. John Tuma's trial date has been set for March 12, 2012.

The case is being investigated by EPA's Criminal Investigation Division and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney C. Mignonne Griffing and Trial Attorney Leslie E. Lehnert of the Environmental Crimes Section of the Department of Justice.

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