

Former Wastewater Plant Operator Fined \$17,250 for Sampling Violations



A former wastewater plant operator admitted directing operators to turn off an automatic sampling device during a wastewater discharge, meaning that a sample from one of the plant's treatment devices wasn't included in the daily composite sample as required by its operating approval. She pleaded guilty to three violations of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, including knowingly violating a condition of an approval and attempting to provide false or misleading information, and was fined \$17,250. (In 2016, Clarke Wallace, her supervisor, pleaded guilty to violating the conditions of an approval and was fined \$10,000) [*Samantha Mantai*, Govt. News Release, Feb. 28, 2017].