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New York Man Ordered to Pay Over \$400,000 in Restitution and Fines for Role in Kickback Scheme at New Jersey Superfund Sites

WASHINGTON, D.C. – An Amherst, New York, man was ordered to pay over \$400,000 in restitution and fines and placed on five years' probation for his role in a kickback scheme at the Federal Creosote and Diamond Alkali Superfund sites in New Jersey, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Inspector General (OIG) announced.

Norman Stoerr, a former contracts administrator for a Niagara Falls company, pleaded guilty in 2008 to felony counts of fraud, bid rigging, and tax crimes. Stoerr was accused of soliciting and accepting thousands of dollars in kickbacks in exchange for his help in getting companies lucrative subcontractor work at the Federal Creosote and Diamond Alkali sites. Stoerr was ordered to pay \$134,000 in restitution to the EPA, \$257,000 to another company harmed by his actions, \$25,000 in fines, and sentenced to eight months of home confinement. The cleanup at the Federal Creosote site in Manville, New Jersey, is partly funded by the EPA.

“This sentencing highlights the OIG's long standing commitment to pursuing those who engage in schemes to defraud the EPA and the American taxpayer. It should serve as a warning to others engaged in such activity,” said Arthur Elkins, Jr., EPA Inspector General.

This sentencing is the result of an ongoing investigation into bid rigging, bribery, fraud and tax-related offenses at the Federal Creosote and Diamond Alkali Superfund sites in New Jersey by the EPA OIG, the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, and the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division's New York Field Office.

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