

## **University of Connecticut Pays \$558,233 as a Result of a Compliance Agreement**

On June 27, 2006, the University of Connecticut (UConn) paid \$558,233 to reimburse various government customers for laboratory analyses that were deemed unreliable. UConn made these payments as a result of a January 19, 2006, compliance agreement between UConn and EPA.

EPA and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection awarded numerous grants for laboratory analyses to the Environmental Research Institute, UConn's specialized service facility. The investigation determined that the Institute routinely performed improper manual integrations and data manipulations of the laboratory data. As a result of the investigation, it was determined that from January 2000 through May 2002, the laboratory data and results provided to the various government agencies were false.

*A related article on this case appeared in the April 2006 Semiannual Report to Congress. (Case Cost: \$321,679)*