

Company Sentenced for Violating the Clean Water Act

On March 5, 2008, Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) was convicted of violating the Clean Water Act and was sentenced to a \$100,000 fine, a \$500 special assessment, and community service. The community service was in the form of a \$50,000 payment to the Tennessee Department of the Environment and Conservation, \$25,000 to the City of Chattanooga, and \$25,000 to the Southern Environmental Enforcement Network.

ADM, based in Decatur, Illinois, owned and operated a cellulose processing facility in Chattanooga, Tennessee, located adjacent to the Chattanooga Creek, a tributary of the Tennessee River. During 2003 and 2004, ADM discharged wastewater containing cotton fibers and other pollutants into storm drains that led to the creek without obtaining the proper permit authorizing such discharge.

This investigation was conducted with the EPA Criminal Investigation Division. (Case Cost: \$26,246)