

EPA orders company to stop discharging oilfield brine

Jan. 19 -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has ordered Arklatex Operating Company Inc. to stop discharging pollutants from two of oilfield facilities in Arkansas.

The company has been releasing oilfield brine into U.S. waters in violation of the Clean Water Act, according to the EPA. The oilfield production and brine disposal facilities are located Ouachita and Union counties, Ark.

An EPA inspector found the company had discharged pollutants, primarily oilfield brine from oil production activities, into wetlands and Ben Davis Lake.

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