

## **Petroleum facility fined for storage of hazardous waste**

Oct. 2 -- The U.S. EPA filed an enforcement and compliance action against a Frontier Refining Inc., petroleum facility in Cheyenne, Wyo., for illegal storage of hazardous waste into a wastewater management pond. The government agency said they are seeking a fine of \$7 million against the company for operation of an unauthorized hazardous waste management unit.

The EPA states the violations were noted in a March, 2009 inspection of the facility.

Frontier is alleged to have violated the law by storing hazardous wastes in a wastewater pond that was neither constructed nor operated properly to allow prevention and detection of leaks.

The order portion of the action requires the refinery to take the pond out of service, remove wastewater and sludge, determine whether the wastes leaked into soils or groundwater, remove the existing pond structure and contaminated soils and cap the area in accordance with RCRA requirements for closure of a surface impoundment.

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