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MAN SENTENCED IN CRIMINAL ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATION

BUFFALO, N.Y.--Ronald Jagielo, 47, of Lockport, NY, who was convicted of criminally disposing of hazardous wastes on August 9, 2007, was sentenced to 21 months in jail, 3 years supervised release and ordered to pay restitution to the Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$1,000,000 by U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny, U.S. Attorney Terrance P. Flynn of the Western District of New York announced today.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Martin J. Littlefield, who handled the case, stated that the defendant had been convicted of disposing of hazardous wastes when he caused hazardous wastes like cadmium, chromium and corrosive liquids to be dumped in and around the MRS electroplating facility in the City of Lockport, NY.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Environmental Protection Agency, under the direction of Special Agent-in-Charge William Lometti and Investigators from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation under the direction of Peter Fanelli, Director of Law Enforcement. EPA Special Agent Douglas Knorr (now retired) and NYSDEC Investigator Walter Cain handled the investigation.

The defendant now joins his company as a repeat environmental criminal, said William Lometti, Special Agent-in-Charge for EPA Criminal Investigation Division's New York area office. "Today's sentence sends a very clear message if you break the law and harm the environment you will pay a heavy price."