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Acadia Parish waste tire transporter sentenced in waste tire fraud case

BATON ROUGE – A Church Point man pled guilty Monday to felony forgery counts which ultimately defrauded the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality’s Waste Tire Management Fund of over \$11,000.

Majella Green, 55, an independent waste tire transporter contractor, was arrested by agents of DEQ’s Criminal Investigation Division in February 2011 and May 2012 for forging waste tire manifests and submitting them to DEQ. This conviction applies to Green’s first arrest in February 2011. The case involving the second arrest is currently under review by the District Attorney’s office.

In both instances, Green knowingly collected ineligible used tires from unregistered waste tire generators and marked them as eligible tires from registered generators on waste tire manifests. These false manifests were ultimately submitted by Green to DEQ through Colt Tire, a waste tire processor, who unknowingly accepted the forged manifests and processed the ineligible tires submitted by Green.

Legal proceedings concerning Green’s wife, Laura Senegal, a co-defendant, are currently pending.

Colt Tire cooperated completely in DEQ’s investigation, and employees of Colt were unaware that the tires were ineligible and that Green forged the manifests. DEQ’s Waste Tire Management Fund was ultimately impacted when Colt sought reimbursement from DEQ for processing tires that were unknowingly ineligible.

In accepting Green’s plea, the Court sentenced Green to four years of home incarceration.

“This sentence sends a strong message to unscrupulous waste tire transporters out there. DEQ is watching. If you are caught defrauding the Waste Tire Management Fund by illegally forging manifests, you will be arrested, turned over to the district attorney and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law,” said Vince Sagnibene, DEQ Undersecretary of Management & Finance.

The case was prosecuted by District Attorney Michael Harson and Assistant District Attorney Mark Garber.

The mission of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is to protect the environment and public health. Any persons with knowledge of any spills, releases, odors, fish kills, open burning, waste tires and any other types of environmental incidents may contact DEQ at 225-219-3640 or Toll Free 1-888-763-5424.