

## Criminal Enforcement/Clean Water Act: U.S. Department of Justice Announces Indictment of Georgia Individual for Allegedly Making False Statements



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The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia announced in an October 3rd news release that Carlos Conde of Smyrna, Georgia was arraigned on October 2nd for allegedly violating the Clean Water Act.

The alleged violation was stated to be making false statements to a federal agent.

The news release states that the United States Attorney charged that:

On August 12, 2016, a batching tank at the Apollo Industries chemical mixing facility in Smyrna, Georgia, began leaking a carburetor cleaner containing naphthalene, a toxic and hazardous chemical. The following morning, two workers discovered the spill and called Conde, the plant manager. Conde arrived at the plant and allegedly instructed the employees to wash the chemical away with water from multiple hoses. The chemical was washed into a tributary of Nickajack Creek and the Chattahoochee River. Conde allegedly twice denied his role in the spill cleanup during interviews with a federal agent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The news release states that the case is being investigated by the Environmental Protection Agency, Criminal Investigation Division.

A copy of the news release can be found [here](#).