



The United States Attorney's Office

Eastern District of Kentucky

PRESS RELEASE

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London, KY. —The United States Attorney's Office, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Environmental Protection Agency jointly announced today that a resources company based out of London, Ky. pleaded guilty yesterday to charges that it discharged pollutants into a water source in Knox County that killed two fish on the threatened species list.

Nami Resources Company, LLC pleaded guilty to an information filed by the U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Kentucky in August that charged the company with violating the Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts.

The company admitted that in 2007 it discharged drilling and fracturing fluids without a permit into a water source in Knox County that killed two Blackside Dace and effected other aquatic life. Blackside Dace is a fish less than three inches long and primarily found in Kentucky's Cumberland River.

Both of the fluids that were discharged are typically used in the production of natural gas. The company was fined \$50,000 for the charges (\$25,000 for violating each act).

The case was investigated by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Roger West.