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## **Hamilton, Ohio Man Pleads Guilty to Conspiracy**

**Columbia, South Carolina----** United States Attorney Beth Drake today announced that Aaron Vennefron of Hamilton, Ohio, pled guilty to his role in a conspiracy involving theft of government funds. Vennefron admitted that he and another man conspired to defraud the government by creating fraudulent invoices for payment of what appeared to be goods needed for work at the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility at the Savannah River Site. He further admitted that no goods were ever received and that the loss in the case was over \$4,000,000.00.

The sentencing date will be set after the court reviews a pre-sentence report.

The case was investigated by Special Agents with the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney John Potterfield is prosecuting the case.