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Former President of TDX Power, Inc. Pleads Guilty to Environmental Violation

On April 4, 2012, Bruce B. Levy, age 61, former President of TDX Power, Inc. in Deadhorse and current Chief Executive Officer of Global Geothermal based in Pennsylvania, pled guilty to one violation of Alaska's environmental laws. Barrow Magistrate Mary P. Treiber presided over the hearing.

The Environmental Crimes Unit (ECU) investigated Levy after air quality specialists from the Anchorage office of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) informed investigators that Levy had installed a gas-fired turbine in Deadhorse without obtaining the requisite air permit.

Levy's installation of the turbine was originally discovered in November of 2009 when DEC air quality specialists requested information about TDX, Inc. exceeding air emission limits. Levy admitted to having purchased a gas-fired turbine in spring of 2009 and beginning installation. He was ordered to halt installation until a permit application was completed and reviewed. Levy continued construction until he was again ordered to cease the work. ECU investigated the allegations against Levy and determined that he had indeed made a business decision to proceed with installation with the turbine without authorization from DEC.

The mission of the Air Permit Program is to protect the Alaskan environment and public health by ensuring that air emissions from industrial operations in the state do not create unhealthy air. This is accomplished when industry leaders follow the law and obtain the proper authorizations. Levy failed in his obligations.

As a result of his guilty plea, Levy is required to pay a \$4000 fine and will be on probation for one year. Levy is no longer employed by TDX, Inc.