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**ATTORNEY GENERAL OBTAINS INDICTMENTS OF COOK COUNTY BUSINESS
FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL**

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan yesterday obtained indictments against the owners of a swimming pool and supply business near South Barrington for illegally dumping a hazardous chemical that is used to clean pool filters.

A Cook County grand jury returned indictments for criminal disposal of hazardous waste, a Class 3 felony, against Dale Overson, 66, of Deer Park and Louise Donahue, 62, of West Dundee. Conviction on the Class 3 felony count carries a possible prison sentence of two to five years as well as a fine of up to \$250,000 for each day in violation. The indictment also charges the business, Barrington Pools, Inc.. An arraignment hearing is scheduled for October 7 in Cook County Circuit Court.

Acting on an anonymous tip, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) inspected the site in July. Samples taken at the business revealed evidence that muriatic acid, a hazardous waste, was illegally disposed of at Barrington Pools, Inc.

"This blatant disregard of the laws that protect people and the environment from hazardous materials cannot be tolerated," said Madigan.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Criminal Investigations Division conducted the investigation leading to the indictments.

Bureau Chief Paula Becker Wheeler and Assistant Attorney General Andrea Kirch are prosecuting the case for Attorney General Madigan's Environmental Crimes Bureau at the request of the U.S. EPA Criminal Investigations Division.

The public is reminded that these are merely allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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