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A grand jury indicted a biodiesel producer and two of its executives for conspiracy and false statements for a scheme that generated more than \$10 million in biofuels credits under the Renewable Fuel Standard, the DOJ said today.

Pennsylvania Biofuels, Inc. and its co-owners Ben Wootton and Race Miner are accused of producing and selling "off-spec" biodiesel and fraudulently claiming more than \$10 million in RIN credits, DOJ said.

The two allegedly manipulated fuels samples sent to laboratories for testing as part of the scheme and created bogus documentation.

The case marks the 15th time EPA and federal investigators have announced accusations against biodiesel makers of fraud. There have been no cases of ethanol fraud, however oil refiners, who bear the obligation for complying with the program, depend on credits from biodiesel to prove compliance with the RFS.

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