

Summary: Investigations Involving the Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Rural Water System

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OIG recently completed a series of investigations into allegations of public corruption involving the Bureau of Reclamation's (USBR) contract with the Chippewa Cree Tribe of Indians (CCT) for the planning, design, and construction of the Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Rural Water System (RWS). We uncovered widespread corruption at CCT, further detailed below. To date, 25 individuals and 8 companies have been charged in these investigations. Twenty individuals have been convicted in U.S. District Court based on prosecution initiated by the U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana. Many of the subjects were convicted of crimes related to more than one investigation; those with multiple convictions were given concurrent sentences of incarceration or supervised release.

We separated our administrative case files around prominent RWS contracts and contractors. Although these three investigations are complete, we continue to investigate additional allegations related to CCT.

This is a summary of reports of investigation that we issued to USBR and the Bureau of Indian Affairs for action.

