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### USA and UAE partnership to use telematics system to prevent illegal dumping

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A United States company and its partner in the United Arab Emirates have come up with a telematics solution to the problem of illegal waste dumping that has tarnished the UAE's image in the past year. Dubai in particular has been beset with the problem of illegal dumping. Sewage tankers were found to be discharging down inland storm water drains, resulting in raw sewage contaminating Dubai beaches. Telargo, from the USA, a provider of advanced track and telemetry technology, and Dubai-based ArabIT, the company's certified service provider for the UAE, have a solution.

The Telargo Fleet Management System installed in vehicles, reports on work being done by the vehicles and their drivers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "In essence, telemetry allows you to know what both vehicles and drivers are doing at all times, how fast they are driving, where they are working, where they are dumping, what they are dumping and what they are collecting," says Chris Wiener, general manager of ArabIT. "In spite of the authorities' best efforts, however, including high fines, deportation and rewards for those who report illegal dumpers, only a small percentage of offenders are caught."

The Telargo telemetry system, which combines GPS, wireless communication and digital mapping technologies, provides an immediate alert if vehicles make unauthorised stops along their prescribed routes or discharges anywhere other than approved zones. The system can also provide performance reports, route and time plans which are automated to take into account traffic flow, schedule delay alerts and the ability to reschedule contractors to avoid congestion at dump sites.

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