



## **SLOVENIA-CROATIA BORDER TOWN WILL BUILD LEMNA WATERWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

### **Project will help clean polluted river**

**St. Paul, Minnesota, USA** - Lemna International has won a contract for a wastewater treatment plant for the town of Rogaska, Slovenia. Rogaska is on the border with Croatia, and untreated wastewater from towns in both countries is polluting the Sotla River, which forms their border. The contract is for the turnkey design and construction of a modern wastewater treatment plant using proprietary Lemna technology to serve the equivalent of a population of 24,000 people. Phase I will begin immediately. Phase II will start early in 2000 and will be finished by the end of the year.

Mr. Branko Kidric, mayor of Rogaska, invited several mayors from neighboring towns in Croatia to attend the contract signing ceremony held in Rogaska on July 20, 1999. He urged them to join him in cleaning up the river by piping the wastewater from their towns to the Rogaska Lemna Wastewater Treatment Plant rather than discharging it into the river.

Also attending the signing ceremony were Dr. Pavel Gantar, Minister of the Environment of Slovenia and representatives from the U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana. Minister Gantar noted that this important occasion marked the first time US technology will be used in a treatment facility in Slovenia. He said, "I hope this will open the door for other US companies and technologies to come to Slovenia and help clean up pollution." Mayor Kidric thanked Lemna International for working with Rogaska for three years through many difficulties to realize this project.

The US government helped with some of the difficulties mentioned by Mayor Kidric. The Department of Commerce and the US Embassy urged Slovenian officials to adopt US technologies such as Lemna International's innovative wastewater treatment technology. The Lemna technology, proven in over 100 installations worldwide, is more energy efficient and cost-effective than older technologies.