OCEFT At a Glance

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training

MISSION Vigorously enforce our nation's environmental laws by investigating and assisting in the prosecution of criminal conduct that threatens human health and the environment.

WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME An environmental crime is a knowing or negligent violation of an environmental law.

HOW WE FIGHT ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME We provide federal, state, tribal, and local prosecutors with evidence, forensic analyses, and legal guidance.

WHY WE FIGHT ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME Successful investigations and prosecutions of environmental crimes deter others from violating the law, protects public health and levels the playing field for those who follow the law.

SEVEN SIGNS OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

- Strong, offensive, or unusual chemical odors
- Large numbers of dead birds, fish or other animals
- Pipes or valves that bypass waste treatment systems
- Tank trucks discharging into drains, manholes or surface waters
- Oily slicks on bodies of water
- Corroded, leaking waste containers
- Drums or containers dumped at odd hours in out-of-the-way places

WHO INVESTIGATES ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES IN OCEFT?

More than 350 specially trained investigators, chemists, engineers, technicians, lawyers, analysts, including:

- 180 federal law enforcement agents - with full federal authority to conduct investigations, interview witnesses, carry firearms, make arrests, and execute search warrants
- 70 forensic scientists and technicians
- 45 environmental crime attorneys

INVESTIGATIONS & FORENSICS EPA uses cutting-edge technology and investigation techniques to prove cases beyond a reasonable doubt.

CID (Criminal Investigation Division) – EPA special agents have full law enforcement authority. They talk to witnesses and suspects, conduct surveillance, seize and analyze records, gather information, analyze evidence and data, work with forensics experts, prosecutors and other police involved, and testify in court. They also apply training in environmental sciences, toxicology, safety, and environmental law.

NEIC (National Enforcement Investigations Center) – At EPA's fully-accredited forensics laboratory in Denver, Colorado, multi-disciplinary expert teams conduct field investigations to gather evidence and laboratory work to analyze the results. NEIC staff work with special agents to gather data, provide engineering evaluations, analyze forensic evidence, and serve as expert witnesses in the courtroom.

NCFL-TEC (National Computer Forensics Laboratory and Technical Investigative Equipment Support Center) – Rarely does an environmental crime not leave a digital trail, so at this Jacksonville, Florida, facility, a team of high-technology criminal investigators plan the search, seizure, and analysis of digital evidence from the Internet, computers, servers, smart phones, and other digital or electronic devices.

FOP (Field Operations Program) – OCEFT's highly-trained team uses specialized equipment to conduct environmental sampling and evidence collection at environmental crime scenes while ensuring onsite health and safety. FOP also manages the National Criminal Enforcement Response Team (NCERT) which provides evidence collection and sampling for large-scale operations and searches conducted by OCEFT special agents.

RCECs (Regional Criminal Enforcement Counsel) and **OCEFT's LCD** (Legal Counsel Division): Experienced EPA attorneys provide guidance on expert witness preparation, evidentiary issues, the interrelationship of environmental and general criminal laws, personnel and worker safety law, and the enforceability of proposed regulations and legislation.

LEGAL (Statutory) AUTHORITIES – OCEFT investigates violations of environmental laws and related violations U.S. Federal Criminal Codes (Title 18 - fraud, conspiracy, and obstruction of justice, aiding and abetting, false statements, smuggling).

Environmental Laws include: Clean Air Act (CAA); Clean Water Act (CWA); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA, hazardous and solid waste); Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA, commonly called Superfund); Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA); and Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & INFORMATION:

EPA'S Fugitive Website: http://www2.epa.gov/enforcement/epa-fugitives

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Report Environmental Violations:
http://www2.epa.gov/enforcement/report-environmental-violations

OCEFT on EPA's Website:
http://www2.epa.gov/enforcement/criminal-enforcement

CRIMINAL CASE RESULTS

FY 2011 to 2013 Criminal Cases by Pollution Type				
	Fiscal Year			3 -year
(Acronyms below)	2011	2012	2013	Average
Cases Opened				
Air (CAA)	75	101	72	**83**
Water (CWA, SDWA, etc.)	141	117	113	**124**
Waste (RCRA, CERCLA)	76	45	52	**58**
Chemicals (TSCA, FIFRA)	21	17	24	**21**
Title 18 + Other	48	40	36	**41**
	361	**320**	**297**	**327**
Defendants Charged				
Air (CAA)	76	56	105	**79**
Water (CWA, SDWA, etc.)	80	105	100	**95**
Waste (RCRA, CERCLA)	44	28	33	**35**
Chemicals (TSCA, FIFRA)	28	15	12	**18**
Title 18 + Other	21	30	28	**26**
	249	**234**	**278**	**253**
Fines & Restitutions (In Millions)				
Air (CAA)	$5	$15	$101	**$40**
Water (CWA, SDWA, etc.)	$14	$18	$1376	**$469**
Waste (RCRA, CERCLA)	$14	$5	$31	**$17**
Chemicals (TSCA, FIFRA)	$2	$5	$11	**$6**
Title 18 + Other	$2	$1	$7	**$3**
	$96	**$44**	**$1526**	**$535**
Incarceration (In Months)				
Air (CAA)	324	482	1000	**602**
Water (CWA, SDWA, etc.)	173	174	203	**183**
Waste (RCRA, CERCLA)	121	95	440	**219**
Chemicals (TSCA, FIFRA)	105	18	167	**97**
Title 18 + Other	374	1224	211	**603**
	1097	**1993**	**2021**	**1704**

Note - Due to rounding, averages may not add exactly.

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