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The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training publishes an environmental Case Crimes Bulletin ("Bulletin") that summarizes publicized investigative activity and adjudicated cases supported by EPA Criminal Investigation Division special agents, forensic specialists, and legal support staff.

A copy of the October-November 2017 edition has just been published.

The October-November 2017 Bulletin lists the follow matters:

Region Defendants Case Type/Status

1	Guido A. Cortes-Rodriguez	Sentencing/Sentenced to two years' probation, of which the first six months must be in home confinement, for allegedly falsely certifying completion of asbestos abatement courses. Also ordered to perform 160 hours of community service.
2	Sean P. Doctor	Sentencing/Sentenced to one year probation and fined \$2,000 for allegedly making a false statement under the Clean Air Act.
2	Terminix	Sentencing/Sentenced for alleged violation of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act in the U.S. Virgin Islands
2	Premier Aviation Overhaul Center	Plea Agreement/Pleaded guilty to allegedly omitting material information regarding hazardous waste on a trash compactor label. Sentenced to pay a fine of \$40,000.
3	Lance A. Charen	Sentencing/Sentenced to one year and one day incarceration for alleged environmental crimes.
4	Philip Michael	Plea Agreement/Pleaded guilty to violating the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act by allegedly illegally storing hazardous waste without a permit.

	Huddleston John Thomas Hatfield	Pleaded guilty to being an accessory after-the-fact to alleged illegal storage of hazardous waste.
5	Gregory Schnabel	Plea Agreement/Pleaded guilty to alleged conspiracy for his role in a scheme that generated over \$47 million in fraudulent EPA renewable fuels credits and over \$12 million in fraudulent tax credits
9	Kenneth Johns	Indictment/Alleged conspiracy to obstruct justice and make false documents and allegedly making false statements to agencies or departments of the United States
6	Jason A Halek Nathan R. Garber	Sentencing/Sentenced to three years supervised release and ordered to pay fine of \$50,000 for allegedly violating the Safe Drinking Water Act Sentenced to three years supervised release for alleged conspiracy to violate the Safe Drinking Water Act and defraud the United States
10	James Findlay	Sentencing/Sentenced to one year probation for alleged negligent discharge of waste in violation of the Clean Water Act
9	David Joseph Wirsing	Sentencing/Sentenced to serve seven months in jail and placed on formal probation for three years for his alleged role in causing a 2014 explosion at Santa Clara Waste Water Company

[A copy of the Bulletin which contains detailed descriptions of the referenced matters can be downloaded here.](#)