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Environmental Criminal Enforcement: Pennsylvania Attorney General Announces Charges Against Natural gas Company for Alleged Violations

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Pennsylvania Attorney General Dave Sunday announced in an October 31st news release charges against Seneca Resources, LLC ("Seneca").

The news release states that the charges involve multiple violations of Pennsylvania's environmental protection laws in several counties.

Seneca is stated to be charged with 64 counts of violations of the Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act and 36 counts of violations of the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law.

Activities or actions addressed are stated to include:

- A rupture in Cameron County resulting in drinking water being contaminated at a couple's home (recognizing that Seneca responded to the spill quickly, but alleges that the procedure to flush the spill area with water had not been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection).
- Operations in several Counties that the Department of Environmental Protection warned that Seneca's practices were not in line with Pennsylvania law, but those warnings were ignored or disputed.

A copy of the news release can be downloaded [here](#).