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# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training: Environmental Crimes Case Bulletin – March 2016 Edition

## Arkansas Environmental, Energy, and Water Law Blog

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training ("EPA") has published the March 2016 *Environmental Crimes Case Bulletin* ("Bulletin").

The *Bulletin* summarizes publicized investigative activities and adjudicated cases conducted by EPA Criminal Investigation Division special agents, forensic specialists, and legal support staff.

The March *Bulletin* includes the following alleged violations:

Region	Defendants	Case Type/Status
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Region 1	Berkshire Power Plant	Clean Air Act – violated and conspired to violate the Clean Air Act by tampering with emissions equipment and submitting false information to both environmental and energy regulators
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Region 2	Anastasio "Taso" Kolokouris	Clean Air Act – violation of asbestos work practice standards
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Region 2	Terminix International Company LP, Terminix International USVI LLC	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act – illegally applied fumigants containing methyl bromide in multiple residential locations in the U.S. Virgin Islands, including the condominium resort in St. John where a family of four fell seriously ill after the unit below them was fumigated.

Region 3	William Michael Manclark	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act – aiding and abetting others in knowingly making false statements
Region 3	Joseph L. Capano	Clean Water Act – knowingly discharged pollutants into wetlands without a permit; directed workers to expand road into wetlands and place a water main pipe through the wetlands area after Army Corps of Engineers issued Cease and Desist Letter
Region 4	Sunland Pest Control Services, Inc., Grenale Williams, Canarie Deon Currie	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act – illegal application of a pesticide that resulted in injuries to a minor child
Region 4	Briese Schiffahrts GmbH & Co., KG and Briese Schiffahrts GmbH & Co. KG MS “Extum”	Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships – failure to maintain an accurate oil record book and tampering with witnesses by persuading them to provide false statements to the U.S. Coast Guard concerning a bypass hose on the vessel that was being used to discharge oil into the sea
Region 4	Timothy Howard	Clean Water Act – violated Pretreatment Standards of the Clean Water Act
Region 5	Joel Andrews, Eric Andrews	Clean Water Act – swindled money from a fund administered by Illinois EPA to clean up sites contaminated by leaking underground storage tanks
Region 6	Philip Joseph Rivkin	Clean Air Act/Energy Independence and Security Act – generating and selling fraudulent biodiesel credits
Region 6	Walter Oil & Gas Company	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act – failure to notify National Response Center of a hazardous discharge

Region 6	Michael Wagner	Clean Air Act – failure to properly odorize gas or to verify the presence of odorant as required by state law, reckless handling of hazardous material; theft by fraudulent means and systematic practices, valued over \$1,500; and obstruction of justice
Region 10	Angelakos (Hellas) S.A., Greaca Shipping, LTD, Konstantinos Chrysovergis, Tryfon Angelou	Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships – inoperable oil water separator, bypassing safeguards that prevent discharge of oily water, false statements, omissions in ship's record book

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