

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training: Environmental Crimes Case Bulletin/October – November 2019



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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 edition has been published.

The October – November bulletin lists the follow matters:

Region	Defendants	Case Type/Status
1	Collegiate Entrepreneurs, Inc.	Plea Agreement/Pled guilty to allegedly violating the Toxic Substances Control Act and subsequently allegedly falsifying records
2	Gary Hallinan	Sentencing/Sentenced to two years’ probation and \$1,000 fine for allegedly negligently discharging wastewater from City of Oswego Wastewater Treatment Plant into Lake Ontario
4	John Lee	Indictments/Information – Charged for allegedly knowingly making false statements while testifying under oath before a federal grand jury and for obstruction of justice
4	Michael Green	Sentencing/Sentenced to 90 days in federal prison and fined \$25,000 for allegedly violating the Clean Water Act
5	Electro-Plating Services Inc. (EPS)	Sentencing/EPs Sentenced to five years’ probation and ordered to pay restitution of \$1,449,963.94; EPS’s owner, Gary Sayers, sentenced to one year in prison followed by three years of supervised release for allegedly violating the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
5	Chandra	Plea Agreement/Pled guilty to allegedly filing a false income tax return

	Yarlagadda (Alpha Bioenergy)	
7	MGP Products, Inc.	Plea Agreement/Pled guilty to allegedly violating the federal Clean Air Act
8	Max Hurst	Sentencing/Sentenced to two years of probation and fined \$5,000 for alleged Clean Air Act negligent endangerment
8	Martin Fields	Trial/Found guilty of alleged conspiracy to defraud the United States, conspiracy to commit money laundering, making false claims against the United States, and money laundering
9	Monsanto	Plea Agreement/Pled guilty to allegedly illegally spraying banned pesticide at Maui, Hawaii Facility; entered into Deferred Prosecution Agreement that calls for \$10 million payment related to storage of banned pesticide on Maui and Molokai
9	Marlene Faltmire	Sentencing/Sentenced for role in a November 2014 explosion in Santa Paula, California; Court imposed and stayed a two-year jail sentence and placed Faltmire on formal probation for five years and ordered victim restitution in the amount of \$2,647,621.35.

A copy of the Bulletin can be found [here](#).