

# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training: Environmental Crimes Case Bulletin/February – March 2020



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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 February – March 2020 edition has been published.

The February - March 2020 Bulletin lists the following matters:

Region	Defendants	Case Type/Status
1	Collegiate Entrepreneurs, Inc.	Sentencing/Sentenced to serve five years’ probation and pay \$50,000 fine for allegedly violating the Toxic Substances Control Act and falsifying records.
2	Thomas Toy	Sentencing/Sentenced to 30 days’ imprisonment for allegedly illegally storing hazardous waste at Superior Barrel and Drum Company, Inc.’s Glassboro, New Jersey, facility in violation of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.
3	Vikas Jain	Sentencing/Sentenced to one month of imprisonment followed by three years supervised release including nine months of home detention for allegedly violating the Clean Air Act.
3	Dennis Morgan	Indictment/Indicted for allegedly failing to provide a lead hazard pamphlet or warning and failure to retain records as required by the Code of Federal Regulations in violation of the Toxic Substances

		Control Act.
4	Terry Foster	Sentencing/Sentenced to pay \$1,000 fine for one count of allegedly violating the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act by lacing deer carcasses with a restricted, highly poisonous pesticide in order to bait and kill coyotes.
7	Thomas S. Fritzel	Sentencing/Sentenced to three months imprisonment and ordered to pay fine of \$55,000 for allegedly disposing of asbestos in violation of the Clean Air Act.
8	Lev Aslan Dermen a.k.a. Levon Termendzhyan	Trial/Convicted of criminal charges related to a \$1 billion renewable fuel tax credit fraud scheme consisting of alleged conspiracy to commit mail fraud, money laundering, and expenditure money laundering.
9	Curtis Technology, Inc.	Plea Agreement/Pled guilty for allegedly illegally transporting hazardous waste including ferric chloride, alka-lime, waste filter cake, solvents and other chemicals from its facility on Sorrento Valley Road in San Diego, California, without a manifest.
9	Luis Alberto Vargas	Plea Agreement/Pled guilty for allegedly illegally smuggling pesticides into the United States from Mexico.
9	Jeremiah Young	Plea Agreement/Pled guilty for alleged unlawful discharge of industrial wastewater including hundreds of thousands of gallons of polluted wastewater by various unlawful means.

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