

# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training: Environmental Crimes Case Bulletin/April-June 2021



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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 April – June 2021 edition has been published.

The April – June 2021 Bulletin lists the follow matters:

Region	Defendants	Case Type/Status
1	Jiule Lin	Sentencing/Sentenced to one year probation and a fine of \$1,500 for alleged distribution and sale of an unregistered pesticide.
2	Kristofer Landell, Mandeline Alonge	Plea Agreement/Pleaded guilty to allegedly conspiring to violate federal and New York State regulations intended to prevent human exposure to asbestos.
2	Angel Elliot Dalfin, Paul Richard Heil	Indictment/Indicted for alleged conspiracy to commit wire fraud and conspiracy to make false documents.
3	James Paprocki	Information/Charged for allegedly conspiring to violate the Clean Water Act by directing employees to discharge clarifier sludge into the Allegheny River.
3	Christopher Hall	Plea Agreement/Pleaded guilty to allegedly violating the Clean Water Act by falsely reporting in a sludge management report that five tons of sludge had been removed from the Matewan POTW, properly dried, and then disposed at a permitted landfill.
3	Rockwater Northeast LLC	Sentencing/Sentenced to pay \$2 million in fines and \$12,400 in special assessments for allegedly violating the Clean Air Act by tampering with emissions systems on 31 heavy-duty diesel trucks and installing “defeat devices” that disabled emissions diagnostic systems on the trucks.
5	Robert J. Massey (Oil Chem Inc.)	Sentencing/Sentenced to 12 months in prison for allegedly violating the Clean Water Act for allegedly discharging landfill leachate totaling more than 47

		million gallons into the City of Flint sanitary sewer system over an eight and a half year period.
5	Sergio Pasini, Gianluca Sabbioni (Fiat Chrysler Italy)	Indictment/Indicted for their alleged role in a conspiracy to defraud U.S. regulators and customers by making false and misleading statement about emissions controls and fuel efficiency of more than 100,000 diesel vehicles sold in the U.S. by FCA US LLC.
6	Marc A. Victoriano	Sentencing/Sentenced to five years of probation with 8 months home confinement for alleged theft from a program receiving funds. He was also ordered to pay a mandatory \$100 special assessment fee and \$212,618 in restitution to the Terrebonne Parish School Board.
6	Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, LLC	Indictment/Indicted for allegedly violating the Clean Water Act by negligently discharging and causing to be discharged a harmful quantity of oil into a navigable water of the United states on the edge of Bay Long east of Grand Isle, Louisiana.
6	Dakota Brennan Gray	Sentencing/Sentenced to three years of probation for allegedly discharging crude oil into the Cottonwood Creek in Major County, Oklahoma.
7	Brandon Weber	Sentencing/Sentenced to one year of probation for the alleged unlawful sale of an unregistered pesticide.
7	Jay Earnest Niday	Sentencing/Sentenced to three months in federal prison for one count of alleged conspiracy and one count of allegedly knowingly falsifying, tampering with, and rendering inaccurate a monitoring device or method required to be maintained under the Clean Water Act.
8	Sezgin Baran Korkmaz	Indictment/Indicted for allegedly laundering over \$133 million in fraud proceeds through bank accounts, for 10 counts of alleged wire fraud, and one count of alleged obstruction of an official proceeding.
9	Felix Gutierrez Valencia	Sentencing/Sentenced to 90 days in custody for allegedly attempting to smuggle pesticides into the United States. Ordered to pay a fine of \$2,500, restitution of \$8,807, and perform 100 hours of community service during three years of supervised release.
9	Lunar Loussia, Nadia Malloian, Wellgreens CA, Inc.	Plea Agreement/Pleaded guilty to offenses related to allegedly dumping hazardous waste ethanol in San Diego County. Agreed to pay \$45,000 fine and restitution of \$26,482 for costs of emergency response and restoration of the sites where the hazardous waste was abandoned.
9	Selene Barraza	Trial/Convicted of allegedly smuggling 25 containers of illegal pesticides and fertilizer (Metaldane and Furadan) into the United States from Mexico.
9	Samir Haj, EcoShield LLC	Plea Agreement/Pleaded guilty to charges relating to alleged unlawful importation, sale and mailing of an unregistered pesticide product (EcoAirDoctor) from Japan marketed as a filler of airborne viruses such as COVID-19. Agreed to forfeit \$427,689 of proceeds for the sale and pay restitution of \$86,754 for unpaid duty and cost of disposing of the produce not sold. Agreed to pay fine of \$42,000 for a total financial penalty of \$556,433.
9	Flores Banuelos	Sentencing/Sentenced to 60 days in custody and ordered to pay \$1,200

		restitution for allegedly smuggling illegal pesticides (Qufuran) across the border.
9	Tim Miller, Klean Waters Inc.	Indictment/Indicted for alleged scheme that discharged untreated industrial wastes into an Orange County sewer system.
10	Loren Kim Jacobson	Plea Agreement/Pleaded guilty to allegedly making an illegal repair to a cargo tanker in violation of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act and lying to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
10	Sean Coiteux, Tracy Coiteux, Nick Akerill, Racing Performance Maintenance Northwest, RPM Motors and	Indictment/Indicted for alleged conspiracy to violate the Clean Air Act by tampering with the emissions-monitoring system on vehicles when removing pollution control equipment between January 2018 and November 2020

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