

# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training: Environmental Crimes Case Bulletin/November- December 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 November-December edition has been published.

The November-December Bulletin lists the following matters:

EPA Region	Defendants	Case Type/Status
1	Marmon Utility LLC	Plea Agreement/Pleaded guilty to a felony violation of the Clean Water Act for allegedly knowingly failing to properly operate and maintain the industrial wastewater treatment system and sludge-processing equipment at the Kerite Power Cable & Pump Cable factory in Seymour, Connecticut.
2	Kristofer Landell and Stephanie Laskin	Sentencing/Sentenced to eight months and 10 months, respectively, and three years of supervised release, for allegedly conspiring to violate Clean Air Act regulations that control the safe removal, handling and disposal of asbestos.
3	Filibuster Distillery and Sid Dilawri	Plea Agreement/Pleaded guilty to 40 counts of violating Virginia’s State Water Control Law for allegedly dumping over 40,000 gallons of industrial waste and discharging cooling water outside of the terms of their permit into a stream in Shenandoah County.
3	Bruce Evans Sr. and Bruce Evans, Jr.	Trial/Found guilty for alleged multiple counts of Clean Water Act violations at the Greenfield Township wastewater treatment plant from 2013-2017. Bruce Evans, Sr., also found guilty of alleged multiple counts of wire fraud and obstruction of correspondence.

3	Robert Yost and Jacob Reese	Indictment/Indicted for offenses related to the alleged unlawful killing of migratory birds in Pennsylvania.
4	John Affourtit	Plea Agreement/Pleaded guilty to allegedly knowingly discharging a harmful quantity of oil into a creek which is a perennial stream flowing into waters of the Salt River, a traditional navigable waterway.
4	Lee Vann Crawford, Eastern Electronics Recycling USA	Plea Agreement/Pleaded guilty to allegedly knowingly storing large volumes of hazardous e-waste, including cathode ray tubes, without a permit
7	Aaron Rochester (Recycletronics)	Plea Agreement/Pleaded guilty to one count of alleged unlawful storage of hazardous waste and one count of alleged transportation of hazardous waste including cathode ray tubes and leaded glass from televisions and computers at facilities in and around Sioux City, Iowa.
8	US Minerals Inc.	Sentencing/Sentenced to a maximum probationary term, fined and ordered to enact a medical monitoring plan for workers at a Montana plant and a nationwide environmental health and safety plan at five other plants for allegedly exposing employees to elevated levels of arsenic at its former Anaconda plant.
8	Summit Midstream Partners LLC	Sentencing/Sentenced to pay a \$15 million criminal fine and serve a three year probationary period for allegedly discharging 29 million gallons of oil-contaminated "produced water" – a waste product of hydraulic fracturing.
9	Kwong Yau Lam	Sentencing/Sentenced to one year probation for alleged Distribution and Sale of an Unregistered Pesticide, and alleged Conspiracy to Distribute and Sell an Unregistered Pesticide by allegedly selling products marketed as "Virus Shut Out Cards."
9	Monsanto	Plea Agreements/Pleaded guilty to allegedly committing 30 misdemeanor crimes related to the use of a glufosinate ammonium-based product sold under the brand name Forfeit 280. After using the product in 2020 on corn fields on Oahu, Hawaii, the company allegedly allowed workers to enter the fields during a six-day "restricted-entry interval" after the product was applied.
9	Beta Operation Co LLC; Amplify Energy Corp.;	Indictment/Indicted for allegedly illegally discharging oil during a pipeline break and for allegedly acting negligently in at least six ways.
9	San Pedro Bay Pipeline Co.	
9	Anthony Shane Gilstrap	Indictment/Indicted for allegedly illegally transporting and storing hazardous waste without a required manifest, falsifying a hazardous waste manifest, and obstructing an agency proceeding.
10	Seattle Barrel and Cooperage Company	Trial/Convicted of alleged conspiracy to illegally dump caustic waste into the King County sewer system which ultimately empties into Puget Sound. The company allegedly used a hidden drain and lied to regulators to carry out the alleged illegal dumping.
10	Louie Sanft	
10	Loren Kim	Sentencing/Sentenced to a month in federal prison, five months of home

Jacobson (KCCS confinement, three years of supervised release, and a \$15,000 fine for allegedly lying to OSHA and allegedly making an illegal repair to a cargo tanker in violation of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.

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