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Criminal Enforcement/Clean Water Act: U.S. Department of Justice Press Release Announces Six-Count Indictment Charging Phillips 66 Company

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The United States Department of Justice (“DOJ”) announced that a federal grand jury returned a six-count indictment charging Phillips 66 Company with violating the Clean Water Act.

The matter is being handled by the United States Attorney’s Office, Central District of California.

The news release alleges that Phillips 66 illegally discharged:

...hundreds of thousands of gallons of industrial wastewater from its Carson oil refinery into the Los Angeles County sewer system then failing to report the violations to authorities...

The Company is charged with the following:

- Two counts of negligently violating the Clean Water Act.
- Four counts of knowingly violating the Clean Water Act.

The industrial wastewater that was discharged is stated to have contained a concentration of oil and grease more than 300 times the concentration allowed in its permit.

A copy of the news release can be downloaded [here](#).