

## OCEFT's Role

The Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics, and Training (OCEFT) has three primary roles in EPA's enforcement community.

**Criminal Investigations:** The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) and its federal, state and local law enforcement partners investigate and prosecute significant and egregious violations of environmental laws. These investigations involve, but are not limited to, the illegal disposal of hazardous waste; the illegal discharge of pollutants to a water of the United States; the illegal importation of restricted or regulated chemicals into the United States; tampering with a drinking water supply; and mail fraud, wire fraud, conspiracy and money laundering relating to environmental crimes.

**Forensics:** The National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC) supports the environmental enforcement community through expertise in field activities and engineering evaluations, forensic laboratory activities, technical analysis and training, and in the courtroom. NEIC staff conduct complex or high profile investigations and provide litigation support.

**Homeland Security:** The Homeland Security Division (HSD) supports the law enforcement, intelligence, and emergency response communities in preparing for, preventing and responding to terrorist threats or attacks, as well as providing protective services to the Administrator of EPA.



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EPA's mission: "To protect human  
health and the environment."



## Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics, and Training



### Criminal Investigation Division

[www.epa.gov/compliance/criminal](http://www.epa.gov/compliance/criminal)

EPA's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) investigates and refers for prosecution the most significant and egregious violations of environmental laws that pose a threat to human health and the environment.

CID investigates violations of the environmental statutes administered by the agency where those statutes provide criminal sanctions including imprisonment for negligent, knowing, or willful environmental crimes.

CID Special Agents are sworn Federal law enforcement officers with the legal authority to conduct investigations, carry firearms, serve and execute warrants and make arrests for any federal crime .



CID has 45 locations nationwide:

Anchorage, AK; Phoenix, AZ; Los Angeles, CA; Sacramento, CA; San Diego, CA; San Francisco, CA; Denver, CO; New Haven, CT; Miami, FL; Tampa, FL; Atlanta, GA; Honolulu, HI; Boise, ID; Chicago, IL; Indianapolis, IN; Des Moines, IA;

Kansas City, KS; Louisville, KY; Baton Rouge, LA; Baltimore, MD; Boston, MA; Detroit, MI; Minneapolis, MN; Jackson, MS; St. Louis, MO; Helena, MT; Manchester, NH; Trenton, NJ; Albuquerque, NM; Buffalo, NY; New York, NY; Syracuse, NY; Charlotte, NC; Cleveland, OH; Portland, OR; Philadelphia, PA; Knoxville, TN; Nashville, TN; Dallas, TX; El Paso, TX; Houston, TX; Salt Lake City, UT; Herndon, VA; Seattle, WA; Wheeling, WVA.

### National Enforcement Investigations Center

[www.epa.gov/compliance/neic](http://www.epa.gov/compliance/neic)



The National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC), located in Lakewood, CO, is the only environmental forensic center accredited for environmental data measurement activities. NEIC has a unique role in conducting complex forensic criminal and civil enforcement investigations. The demands of environmental enforcement cases may require the application of non-standard, complex methodologies and innovative investigative strategies.

### Homeland Security Division

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The Homeland Security Division provides direct investigative, forensic and technical support to the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to help detect and prevent, or respond to homeland security related environmental, biological or chemical incidents.

### Legal Counsel Division

The Legal Counsel Division (LCD) is responsible for providing legal support and guidance on all legal and policy matters pertaining to criminal enforcement of environmental requirements as well as the operations of NEIC and the Homeland Security Division.