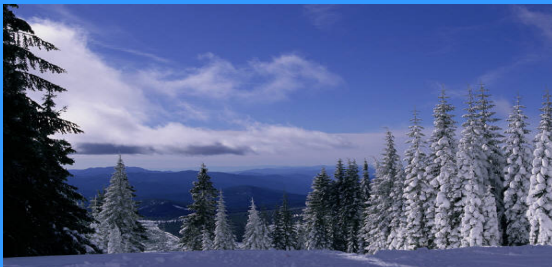


Who are We?



The National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC) of EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training is an environmental forensic center accredited for environmental data measurement activities. NEIC fulfills a unique role in conducting complex criminal and civil enforcement investigations and applied research and development to support science for enforcement. The demands of specific environmental enforcement cases require non-standard, complex methodologies and their application. In response to these needs, NEIC conducts and develops the needed methodologies and innovative investigative strategies.



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Field Science

NEIC's multi-disciplined teams of experts conduct field investigations to gather information from specific sites for use in environmental investigations, litigation and enforcement activities, including:

- **Site documentation** — obtaining field data to enable accurate reconstruction of sampling locations, industrial site processes and other site conditions.



- **Data collection** of data/samples to be used as evidence in environmental enforcement investigations and activities.



- **Screening techniques** that provide immediate real-time information and other physical samples of pollutants and process waste streams.



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Center Activities

NEIC is engaged in numerous efforts with our enforcement partners. These include:

- **Advising our enforcement partners** on technical and regulatory issues that arise during case development, settlement negotiations, and litigation.
- **Sharing environmental enforcement information** with visitors from foreign countries, including the UK, Canada, Australia, Mexico, Japan, Korea, and the Netherlands.
- **Community outreach** to students in public schools and colleges and universities to encourage careers in science and engineering occupations..



- **Applied research and development** — As a result of its case support activities, NEIC frequently identifies the need to further examine related science or technology to provide feedback to regulators on the efficacy of field measurement or laboratory analysis procedures, to uncover source/receptor pollution relationships, and/or to advance the scientific or technical understanding of causes and effects.

Information Technology

NEIC uses advanced information and computer technologies to assess, organize, and analyze information in order to prepare for investigations, settlements, negotiations, and trials. Major activities in the Information Technology area include the **NEIC Environmental Forensics Library** and **Electronic Data Analysis Teams** which focus on laboratory fraud.

Laboratory Science

NEIC uses chemical analysis to establish the presence of pollutants through highly specialized testing. NEIC's laboratory work focuses on:

- **Scientific instrumentation** — conducting specialized and sophisticated chemical analyses by use of scientific instrumentation.



- **Methods research and development** — developing and modifying methods to analyze the unique and unusual variety of samples received.



- **Testing protocols** — using and developing unique protocols, often requiring the use of more than one analytical technique, and to address unique situations.

