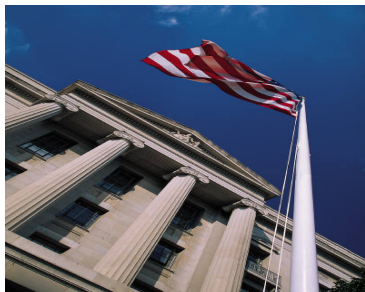


The Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training



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

- **Criminal Investigations:** Investigate and support the prosecution of significant and egregious violations of environmental laws.
- **Forensics:** Support the environmental enforcement community through expertise in facility investigations; engineering, forensic, laboratory and technical analysis and training, and in the courtroom.
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The Legal Counsel Division (LCD) of EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training (OCEFT) 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 the National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC) and the Homeland Security Division (HSD).



- **Legal Services** – LCD attorneys provide legal services to OCEFT divisions in numerous practice areas, including multimedia environmental enforcement, substantive and procedural criminal law, information law, and personnel law. LCD attorneys also advise OCEFT regarding responses to inquiries from Congress and members of the public.



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- **Regulatory and Legislative Development** – LCD attorneys participate in the development of statutes and regulations to ensure that they incorporate clear and enforceable legal requirements, particularly as related to the criminal enforcement program.



- **Training** – LCD attorneys provide legal training to Criminal Investigation Division Special Agents, NEIC scientists, EPA civil enforcement personnel, and EPA's federal, state, local, tribal and international partners, to enhance the overall effectiveness of environmental crimes enforcement.