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Environmental Enforcement and Crimes – EPA and DOJ Announce New Initiatives and How They Affect You

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On February 18, 2016, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced its new National Enforcement Initiatives aimed at protecting public health and national pollution challenges for FY 2017-2019. These new initiatives, coupled with other recent significant announcements by the U.S. Department of Justice regarding a new emphasis for individual accountability for corporate malfeasance (“Yates Memo”) along with an expanded focus on DOJ’s and OSHA’s worker endangerment initiative, underscore a new paradigm shift for businesses and individuals in how EPA and the DOJ intend to enforce the nation’s environmental, health and safety (“EHS”) laws over the coming years.

What you can take away:

- An understanding of the latest developments in civil and criminal enforcement of EHS laws
- Actions you and your organization can take to avoid and mitigate such enforcement risks

Topics discussed:

- How does EPA intends to focus its enforcement and potential impacts on you and your business?
- What are the recent changes to the Worker Endangerment Initiative?
- Does the DOJ intend to hold more individuals accountable for corporate wrongdoing and what impact may the Yates Memorandum have on you and your organization?
- What are the new changes to EPA’s Audit Policy and how could those changes impact your operations?
- What role can Internal Investigations play into allegations associated with EHS noncompliance, and what are best practices associated with conducting such Internal Investigations?

Find other recent news regarding the environmental regulations field at the links below:[EPA Releases National Enforcement Initiatives](#)[EPA Revamps Voluntary Self-Disclosure Audit Policy](#)[Criminal Prosecution of Worker Safety Violations – New DOJ Initiative to Increase Criminal Enforcement of OSHA Matters](#)

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