

Note from the AG:



One of the most important jobs I have as Attorney General is to help protect, preserve and enhance New Mexico's environment, water and natural resources.

To help protect New

Mexico families we have produced this publication. It provides information about environmental crimes and how to report them.

There is more information on our Web site about examples of environmental crimes, what steps you should take to report suspected violations and some cautionary measures to be taken by anyone who encounters potential environmental waste contamination. Please follow this link: <http://nmag.gov/office/Divisions/WEU/Default.aspx>

With the help of citizens who report environmental crimes to our Environmental Crimes Unit and this publication, the Attorney General's Office can better protect New Mexico and work to keep it forever, The Land of Enchantment.

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Environmental Crimes



How to Recognize and Report Crimes Against the Environment

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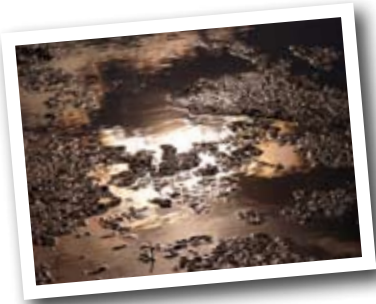
What Are Environmental Crimes?

1. Air Pollution:

burning of commercial or industrial waste; release of hazardous substances into the air; illegal removal of asbestos from buildings.

2. Hazardous Waste:

improper storage, disposal, or transfer of hazardous waste. Hazardous waste can generally be described as any material that threatens public safety and the environment. It includes degreasers, acids, metals, paint waste, solvents, cyanides and pesticides.



3. Water Pollution:

discharge of waste into streams, rivers, lakes, including farm drainage and waste generated by construction sites and factories.



4. Solid Waste:

improper dumping of large quantities of garbage or refuse.

What to Look For:

- Containers or drums that appear to be abandoned (for example, you find them in a forest, along a roadside or otherwise in a place where it appears they do not belong), especially if they are corroded or leaking.
- Dead fish in streams or waterways, particularly if the water appears to contain foreign substances (such as detergent, bleach, chemicals or has a strange color).
- Dead animals alongside a river bank or in a field.
- Discolored and/or stressed, dying plant life.
- Visible sheens on the ground or in the water.
- Foul smelling or oddly colored discharges onto the ground or into a stream or waterway.
- Foul smelling or strange looking emissions into the air.
- Pipes or valves that would allow for discharge from a plant that appear hidden.
- A truck dumping materials into a manhole or sewer drain.

A person burying drums on business or residential property.



Report an Environmental Crime by Contacting:

- Environmental Crimes Telephone Tipline: (505) 827-6629
- Environmental Crimes E-mail: ecrimes@nmag.gov
- Fill out an on-line form: <http://www.nmag.gov/office/Divisions/WEU/ecu/report.aspx>