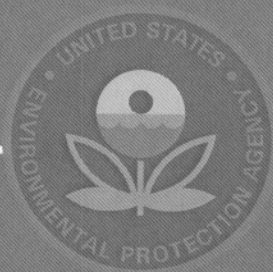
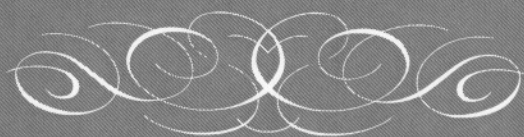


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EPA's Criminal Enforcement program investigates and helps prosecute environmental violations which seriously threaten public health and the environment and which involve intentional, deliberate, or criminal behavior on the part of the violator. The Criminal Enforcement program deters violations of environmental laws and regulations by

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demonstrating that the regulated community will be held accountable, through jail sentences and criminal fines, for such violations. Bringing criminal cases sends a strong message for potential violators, enhancing aggregate compliance with laws and regulations. In FY 2010, the criminal enforcement program will continue to expand its identification and investigation of cases with significant environmental, human health, and deterrence impact while balancing its overall case load of "core" cases across all pollution statutes (e.g., traditional cases involving wastewater; hazardous waste; the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; the Toxic Substances Control Act, etc.). The program will increase the number of agents to complete its three-year hiring strategy of raising its special agent workforce to 200 criminal investigators. With these resources, the program will expand its capacity in supporting efforts to address complex environmental cases. In FY 2010, the Criminal Enforcement program's proposed budget is \$57.7 million.