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The term Environmental Crime, a subdivision of white collar crime (sometimes called "green collar crime"[1]), has been used since the 1970s to refer to criminal statutory offenses involving harm to the environment, such as a violation of the criminal provisions in the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1970, the Federal Pollution Control Act of 1972... or the Endangered Species Act[2]. This research guide was prepared to complement the New York State Judicial Institute's October 26-28, 2011 Conference for the Detection of Environmental Crimes.[3] As a result, this guide has been designed specifically to assist judges with deciphering the scientific and technical data involved with most environmental criminal offenses. However, this guide will also assist both the novice and the experienced legal practitioner in...
Guide Purpose: to assist judges with deciphering the scientific and technical data involved with most environmental criminal offenses. It will also assist legal practitioners in locating resources related to federal environmental criminal law.

The Guide is organized by topic into 10 tabs for ease of use.
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Gives a brief overview of the field including definitions and provides access to ChemiCool an interactive Periodic Table of the Elements.
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#### Periodic Table Key

- **X** Synthetio Elements
- **X** Liquids or melt at close to room temp.
- **X** Solids
- **X** Gases

- **Alkali Metals**
- **Alkali Earth Metals**
- **Transition Metals**
- **Other Metals**
- **Metalloids**
- **Other Non-Metals**
- **Halogens**
- **Noble Gases**
- **Lanthanides & Actinides**
SCIENTIFIC RESOURCES

Provides links and descriptions of various scientific databases.

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Scientific Resources:
- Academic Search Premier
  Useful general search for scientific information.
- ATSDR ToxFAQs
  Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry ToxFAQs provides information about contaminants found at hazardous waste sites.
- ATSDR ToxPROFILES
  Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Tox Profiles provides information about contaminants found at hazardous waste sites (more scientific).
- Catalog of U.S. Government Publications
  The CGP is the finding tool for federal publications that includes descriptive records for historical and current publications and provides direct links to those that are available online.
- EPA Toxic Release Inventory (TRI)
  TRI is a database containing data on disposal or other releases of over 800 toxic chemicals from thousands of U.S. facilities and information about how facilities manage those chemicals through recycling, energy recovery, and treatment.
- Federal Environmental Data Finders
  List of Data Finders found across the federal government that provide downloadable data that is relevant to environmental science. Data contained within these sites could be used to...
Provides access to...
THE DAUBERT STANDARD

Provides links to case law, legal treatises and related articles.
LEGAL TREATISES

Provides references to legal encyclopedias, deskbooks and CLE materials.
The looseleaf collection *White Collar Crime 2d* by Joel Androphy is an excellent source for researching different aspects of environmental crime. This treatise is available in print from the [Pace Catalog](#) and online to Pace students using their Westlaw passwords (WCCR).

**American Law Reports**

American Law Reports offers a wide range of comprehensive articles on issues relating to scientific evidence and environmental crime. The following can be accessed by Pace students using either their Westlaw (ALR) or LexisNexis passwords:

- *Admissibility and Reliability of Laboratory Analysis of Soil, Water, and Air Samples*, 24 Am Jur Proof of Fact 3d 609

**American Jurisprudence Trials**

The following can be accessed by Pace students using either their Westlaw (AMJUR-TRIALS) or LexisNexis passwords:

- *Use and Examination of Experts in Environmental Litigation*, 50 Am. Jur. Trials 471

**American Jurisprudence Proof of Fact**

- *Pollution of well or spring, 94 A.L.R. 2d 329, 359, 364, 4th 582
- *Pollution of ground, 73 A.L.R. 4th 582
- *Pollution of water*, 67 A.L.R. 4th 822

**Environmental Science Deskbook**

The looseleaf, *The Environmental Science Deskbook*, provides plain-English explanations of scientific concepts, acronyms, methods, and applications. It also provides background information on scientific concepts and their applications. This treatise is available in print from the [Pace Catalog](#) and online to Pace students using their Westlaw passwords (ENV SCIDB).

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**Available resources...**
Library of Congress Subject Headings are provided.
ARTICLES & REPORTS

Links to top articles in the field have been provided as well as reports from prominent groups.
Key Reports Include:

- **Strengthening Forensic Science in the U.S.: A Path Forward** National Research Council (2009).
- **Environmental Crime Prosecution: Results of a National Survey** Nov. 1994
- CRS Reports on Environmental Crime
GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The glossaries provided have been obtained from the EPA, the U.N. Environmental Glossary, and from various print dictionaries.
AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS & INSTITUTES

This tab provides links to key enforcement and compliance websites.
This page provides links to criminal and civil cases as well as news about recently filed cases.
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