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Enforcement Trends and

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Enforcement Trends and Priorities

- The Internet: Tips and Complaints**
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Internet: Tips and Complaints

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Virginia man sentenced for falsifying training documents Feb 23 - Nicanor Lotuaco of Air Power Enterprises, Inc. of Norfolk, VA, was sentenced five months in prison and fined \$1 million, for falsifying asbestos environmental training certificates, as part of contract submittals to federal and local agencies.
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Clean school buses mean healthier kids Feb 20 - Grants to 37 communities will help by reducing school bus idling, adding effective emission control systems to buses, and replacing the oldest buses with cleaner diesel or compressed natural gas powered buses.



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Web Enhancements – Early Returns

- Significant surge in number of tips**
- Increased number of tips related to potentially criminal activity**
- Improved report quality - details and specificity**

Summary – citizens want to help, many opportunities for enforcement

The Criminal Enforcement Program



Criminal Enforcement – Why?

- Appropriate enforcement tool for some violations
 - Civil penalty/judgment proof violators

- High deterrence impact
 - Individual and corporate defendants
 - Incarceration is an effective deterrent

Criminal Enforcement – Changes

- Pursue high impact and National Enforcement Priority cases –yielding the greatest human health and environmental impact

- Increase coordination with civil enforcement
 - Enhanced case screening and selection
 - Appropriate civil/criminal track

- Utilize increased leads from the public -- new “reporting violations” page on EPA’s website

Customs and Imports





Customs and Imports

Important new area:

- Products manufactured outside U.S.
- Potential for noncompliance
 - Uncertified or unregistered products
 - Toxic materials