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Message from ENPE President Rob de Rijck

Dear Colleagues,

This 25th edition of our ENPE newsletter - a notable milestone - comes after a busy Summer and early Autumn period with much activity to report. **The ENPE Working Groups Workshop** was our main event during this time, titled: '**Prosecuting Legal Persons under the new EU Environmental Crime Directive (ECD) [2024/1203](#)**' and generously hosted by our colleagues at the **University of Coimbra Faculty of Law, Coimbra, Portugal on the 27-28 October 2025**.



With 47 delegates from 20 countries in attendance, we heard from the European Commission, academics, and our operational prosecutor members who shared cases and procedures on the workshop topic. The presentations came from practitioners in the Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Portugal and the United States, with a key presentation from Richard Macrory, Emeritus Professor of Environmental Law at University College London, as well as interventions from our hosts from the University of Coimbra presenting their research into this high-priority topic.

Further, we have continued our participation in awareness-raising and training events related to the prosecution of environmental crime across Europe, including the **Council of Europe Regional roundtable meeting on Human Rights and Environmental Protection: Prosecutorial Responsibilities in Criminal Law**, held in **Kolašin, Montenegro** at the end of September. ENPE Board Member Dr Antonio Vercher Noguera and ENPE Supporting Member Professor Remus Jurj were both invited to present and chair breakout sessions. As ever, we are very grateful, and also proud to report on their lead roles in these events. We were also pleased to be invited to and participate in a roundtable discussion with prosecutor colleagues and academics from a visiting delegation from Brazil who were over with us at the same time as our workshop in Coimbra. Catching up in the margins of this workshop proved a valuable experience for all, particularly in relation to experiences in new offences covered by the ECD, and we promised to remain in contact going forward. As we continue into Winter it is as important to reflect on the year so far, as it is to look forward. On the occasion of this 25th Newsletter, we think we can say that ENPE has a meaningful position in this rapidly changing area of enforcement. With our Best Wishes, Rob de Rijck ENPE President & Shaun Robinson ENPE Project Manager.

[photo: ENPE]

ENPE Working Groups workshop: Prosecuting Legal Persons under the Environmental Crime Directive (EU) 2024/ 1203; University of Coimbra; 27-28 October 2025; Coimbra, Portugal.

The University of Coimbra Faculty of Law were the generous hosts for the latest ENPE workshop on the 27 & 28 of October 2025, focussing on **Prosecuting Legal Persons under the new Environmental Crime Directive (ECD), Directive (EU) 2024/1203 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024.**



The **Trinity College Chapel at the University**, a wonderful conference facility, was the venue with 47 delegates and speakers comprising prosecutors, academics, specialists and policy makers from 20 countries in attendance over the two days. [photos: A Brosnan.] The focus was very much on operational prosecution of environmental crime with presentations and discussions centred around the different approaches taken by authorities in Europe and further afield. The context was



the new ECD 2024/ 1203 and with the expansion of these types of prosecutions, it was valuable for the delegates to compare and contrast how different jurisdictions approach this complex area of environmental enforcement. We heard about the difficulties in prosecuting legal persons due to the different arrangements of company structures and how authorities overcome these. It was also clear that accessory penalties are often more effective than fines given the high turnover and profit margins of some of the bigger companies. It must be noted, however, that accessory penalties are often more difficult to execute. The significance of the challenges of such prosecutions at national and scaling up to multinational levels, was set out and discussed,



Before the workshop commenced it was also fascinating to hear from prosecutor and academic colleagues from Brazil who presented their work including examples, in a round-table discussion on the morning of the first day. The scale and diversity of environmental crime in Brazil was a valuable way of framing the wider discussions, leading into the workshop itself which was focused on the EU. We look forward to sharing the workshop outputs, once ready, with our members and stakeholders. Our sincere thanks go out to all at the **Faculty of Law** at the University, to **Professor Alexandra Aragão** for the enormous amount of work she and her team did to make the event run so smoothly. We are also grateful to **Elisabete Matos** and her team of Portuguese prosecutors for their input.



ENPE AISBL news

ENPE Annual General Meeting 30 June 2025

ENPE held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 30 June 2025, as a hybrid event with both 'in person' attendance at our registered office at Scotland Europa, Scotland House, Schuman, Brussels, and online. Rob de Rijck presented the ENPE President's report for 2025 which included the outline budget for the next phase of ENPE activity under the **Framework Partnership Agreement with the European Commission (2025-27)**. Membership and Director changes were noted and approval provided, as appropriate, through member's voting. Thanks go to all those who attended or provided proxy attendance, and to Scotland House for their hosting of the meeting.

Membership update

In July, our ENPE Observer members from Serbia – the **Prosecutors Association of Serbia (PAS)** successfully applied for Full Membership of ENPE, as did our newest individual Supporting Member – **Dr. Maya Baußmann-Herr, a Public Prosecutor of the Frankfurt Public Prosecutor's Office, Germany**. We welcome these new members and look forward to working closely with both, going forward.

News from the European Commission

At the recent ENPE Working Groups workshop on prosecuting legal persons conference held in Coimbra, Portugal on 27-28 October 2025, **Elisabetta Reyneri, Legal Policy Officer** from the **Directorate General for Environment (DG ENV)**, gave a short introduction on DG ENV's ongoing activities in relation to the new Environmental Crime Directive (ECD).



Elisabetta set out the work the Commission was doing on the transposition with Member States and their expectations. The Commission work is very much focussed on ECD transposition for which the workshop was very relevant. Hearing from all the attendees from the many different countries represented on their work and challenges in this area is always of great value to Elisabetta and colleagues as they reiterate their key message that EU law on paper needs to be effective "on the ground".

The **deadline for transposition of the ECD - 21/05/26** - is fast approaching and DG ENV is working with Directorate General for Justice (DG JUST) behind the scenes on this. Challenges are acknowledged but the Commission is well prepared and will do their best to assist.

Earlier, Elisabetta and colleagues from DG JUST as well as Eurojust and the US Department of Justice also met with representatives from ENPE and EnviCrimeNet to exchange information and case updates at the 5th EU-US Liaison meeting, held in the margins of the workshop on the 27th of October 2025. This forum is

designed to strengthen the ties between the United States and Europe in the fight against environmental crime, including 'new' areas of enforcement covered by the offences added to the new ECD, such as forest-related and water extraction crime. We look forward to continuing reporting on this initiative through a regular 'standing item' in our events, missives and general outputs. Please see below for more information. All agreed that sharing experiences in this way is helpful as the ECD is transposed in Member States across Europe over the coming months and years.

ENPE training, outreach & capacity building

ENPE at the Council of Europe roundtable discussion on Human Rights and Environmental Protection: Kolašin, Montenegro; 29-30 September 2025

On September 29 & 30 2025, ENPE Board Member **Dr Antonio Vercher Noguera** and **Professor Remus Jurj**, our ENPE Supporting Member based at the Maritime University of in Constanta, Romania, were both in **Kolašin, Montenegro** at the **Council of Europe's Regional Roundtable Meeting on Human Rights and Environmental Protection: Prosecutorial Responsibilities in Criminal Law**.

The event was organised by the Council of Europe Regional Project on **"Human Rights and Sustainable Environment in South-East Europe"**, funded by the Human Rights Trust Fund (HRTF), which brought together six Council of Europe member states: ALBANIA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, KOSOVO, MONTENEGRO, NORTH MACEDONIA, SERBIA to work together for better protection of the environment and human rights in South-East Europe.

One of the objectives of the project is to strengthen the knowledge of legal and other professionals ('environmental guards') on the link between the protection of human rights and the environment. To this end, the roundtable discussion aimed to identify existing challenges, promote good practices, and enhance knowledge of Council of Europe and international standards with a view to strengthening prosecutorial effectiveness in tackling environmental offences. In that context, Antonio and Remus had been chosen to prepare and deliver presentations, lead working groups and contribute to the discussions throughout the event on 29-30 September. Antonio, pictured above, provided two interventions, the first, on **European Standards on**



Environmental Crime: Directive and Convention in Focus with discussions including:

-Opinion no 17/2022: Public Prosecution s Office and Environmental Protection;

-Evolution on European Environmental Criminal Law;

-Criminal Law background; and

-New Options for Offence under Directive 1 April 2024;

and the second, titled: **Prosecuting Environmental Crime: Real-Case Successes, Challenges, and Practical Insights.**

Remus, pictured right, also provided two interventions, the first on **COORDINATION BETWEEN PROSECUTORS AND THE AUTHORITIES WITH ATTRIBUTIONS IN DETERMINING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES (ROMANIAN APPROACHES)**

with issues discussed including:

- Reporting to criminal investigation bodies;

- Attributions of ascertaining bodies;

- Specific aspects of criminal prosecution in the case of crimes against the environment;

- Provision of technical-scientific findings and expertise and Taking precautionary measures and

managing seized assets inlcuding the duties of ANABI (The National Agency for Administration of Seized Goods) in Romania. The second intervention was titled: **CHALLENGES IN ROMANIAN LEGISLATION AND JUDICIAL PRACTICE REGARDING SHIPMENT WASTE CRIME**, with the following key issues dicsussed:

- DIRECTIVE 2024/1203 AND WASTE CRIME

- Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and

- Romanian legislation regarding Shipment of Waste crime which included a case study which examined challenges in Romanian legislations and judicial practice regarding proceeds from crime.

Both Antonio's and Remus's contributions were well received, and we were pleased to have two ENPE representatives attending and providing interventions at such an important event. [photos: R Jurj & A V Noguera]

ENPE representation at waste crime conference Sofia, Bulgaria 08-09 October 2025

ENPE Waste & Illegal Pesticides Working Group member **Howard McCann**, a prosecutor from the Environment Agency, England, UK represented ENPE at a recent waste crime event titled: ***Urban Waste Wars: Tackling Crime, Corruption and Pollution*** hosted by the **Sofia Municipality and the Center for the Study of Democracy in Sofia, Bulgaria.**



Howard, and his colleague Katherine Goodall from the Environment Agency (EA), England, UK, was part of a specialist overseas contingent which also included delegates from Europol, the French Gendarmerie and an organisation called Transcrime from the Catholic University of Sacro Cuore in Milan, Italy.

The Conference was well timed, as there is a municipal waste crisis in Sofia and the high-profile nature of this event ensured that the conference made the national evening news and gained a lot of traction in the press and social media:

<https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bta.bg%2Fen%2Fnews%2Fbulgaria%2F983226-sofia-mayor-terziev-calls-for-stronger-state-support-in-waste-management-efforts&data=05%7C02%7Choward.mccann%40environmentagency.gov.uk%7C4cf8bff525734f28f0b708de07e6b962%7C770a245002274c6290c74e38537f1102%7C0%7C0%7C638956884686582396%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIIAiOiJXaW4zMilsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DlfdeCR02MkKAyDr61YhGJDKTqTEPrtXKx11AyQieLo%3D&reserved=0>



Europol and the French Gendarmerie gave presentations on the work they were involved in, and Howard spoke about the EA's role as an environmental prosecutor in England in the UK. Howard also took the conference briefly through the Environmental Sentencing Guideline, used as a reference point when training EA officers in casework preparation and what the courts are steered by when considering environmental offences in England. He then spoke briefly about the EA's Joint Unit for Waste Crime and the benefits of shared ways of working. Howard is pictured with Katherine Goodall (EA, Regime Regulation Manager) and Ekaterina Simeonova the British Embassy Liaison Officer. [photo: H McCann]

The visit also included a meeting at the Center for the Study of Democracy's office to discuss some of the other work they are doing for the EU. Here, they heard more about other environmental issues in Bulgaria. Throughout the visit, ENPE's activities were referred to whenever and wherever appropriate, and given the recent addition of the Supreme Prosecutor's Office of Bulgaria to the ENPE network as a Full member, we look forward to continued contact of this type in the future.

Contributions to the webinars on the new Environmental Crime Directive (EU) 2024/ 1203 and Environmental Compliance Assurance (ECA)

As a member of this project - very well organized by our sister network IMPEL - ENPE is taking a lead role in the delivery of those lunchtime webinar presentations which are focussed on prosecution. We are also grateful for the opportunity and oversight of this important series of webinars and to the guest presenters who have provided specific prosecuting input so far. The weekly seminars - usually on a Tuesday, are run from 13.00-14.00 hrs CET, with a presentation, followed by questions. *We are pleased to invite all representatives from public authorities to join us for this series.* If you are interested in receiving updated information and attend the webinars, please register at:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Xbam5ZUrUmH1ztMUWY7CTOyUdqeSx5Dj4HqBPFFrSdUNUNWODdGNDRFMUdEN1YxTTiLMzdSTzIxSi4u> (NB you only need to register once and use your official work email address - Gmail, Yahoo etc. will not be accepted). If you or your organisation has any new contributions you could share with the Networks, please fill the questionnaire available at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPy1Y2y7sth8nwqbXtizSopHGwtLDSkqXydMOVgEipH0tPcQ/viewform>. The 4 Networks will use this data for further actions on promoting and sharing practices from authorities under the joint project Environmental Compliance Assurance including ECD 2025- 2027.

International news - environmental crime enforcement

We were very pleased to welcome **Joe Poux, Acting Chief of the United States Department of Justice Environment and Natural Resources Division** (US DoJ ENRD) as a guest speaker at the recent ENPE Working Groups workshop in Coimbra, Portugal. Joe also joined the round-table discussion with our Brazilian colleagues in the margins of the workshop and as a long-standing attendee of the annual EU-US Liaison meetings, has provided invaluable updates on US and North American environmental crime enforcement, as well as cases of interest, over the past three years. The importance of these international contact points outside of Europe was recognised at the most recent EU-US Liaison meeting where it was agreed to move forward with a standing item now included in all ENPE and the Four European Environmental Enforcement Networks (4N) events and newsletters. The US DoJ ENRD has helpfully set up a compendium of cases and articles available via their website: [Environment and Natural Resources Division | Environmental Crimes Bulletins | United States Department of Justice](https://www.justice.gov/enrd/Environmental-Crimes-Bulletins) for previous issues through the beginning of this year. Going forward, you can sign up for access here, free of charge [U.S. Department of Justice](https://www.justice.gov/) . Our thanks go to Joe and the US DoJ for making this information so readily accessible.

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ECD lunchtime webinars

3 NOVEMBER
13-14 CET
David Secombe
ECD Art 3: What is substantial damage to the environment? A perspective with over 100 years of experience, focusing on the interpretation of provisions of the Directive and the practical application of the concept of substantial damage in environmental crimes. David will also discuss the role of the UK in the development of the Directive and the challenges of its implementation. David will also discuss the role of the UK in the development of the Directive and the challenges of its implementation.

18 NOVEMBER
13-14 CET
Sébastien Nochez
National strategy in the fight against environmental crimes. The French experience. Sébastien will present the French national strategy against environmental crimes, including the main challenges and successes. He will also discuss the role of the French justice system in investigating environmental crimes and the challenges of its implementation. Sébastien will also discuss the role of the French justice system in investigating environmental crimes and the challenges of its implementation.

UNODC Survey for the next World Wildlife Crime Report

A key component of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) research on wildlife trafficking is documenting and sharing the lessons learned from law enforcement, criminal justice authorities, and other relevant parties on the challenges they face when trying to hold wildlife offenders accountable. They would like to hear what obstacles you encounter which impede wildlife crimes from reaching conviction and sentencing. Please fill out this quick survey (about 10 minutes - best horizontally if using your phone) – by the end of December 2025 - <https://forms.gle/6xXsykcN6MMWFzTN8> and let us know your thoughts (your answers will be anonymous). Please contact Tanya Wyatt (tanya.wyatt@un.org), the Lead Researcher at UNODC on Crimes that Affect the Environment if you need more information or have any questions.

Interesting cases

England, UK

Man given suspended jail term for illegal Lincolnshire waste site

The Environment Agency (England) has successfully prosecuted a man for running an illegal waste site at Thorpe Farm, Skendleby, in East Lindsey. This followed a joint UK & Spanish investigation into illegal waste going back to 2020 since the landowner is based in Spain.

From: Environment Agency (England); via .gov website; Published: 9 May 2025

- Court imposes fines, costs and confiscation order on director and his company for nearly £100,000
- Judge tells defendant he ran business in 'arrogant and bullish' manner
- Environment Agency officer verbally abused during the investigation.

At Lincoln Crown Court, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, England, on Wednesday 7 May 2025, Matthew Berry, 46, of Loft Shay, Longridge, Preston, received a suspended sentence of 36 weeks. This is on condition that he stays out of trouble and abides by a curfew between 9pm and 5 a.m. for a 3-month period. He was also ordered to pay £5,000 in costs and a surcharge of £154. Berry's company, SBR Foxhills Limited, was fined £20,000 and ordered to pay costs of £29,626.35 and a £190 surcharge.

The defendant and company also have a confiscation order imposed of £45,000, representing the recovery

of the proceeds from the crime which has been paid. Berry was warned that he faces up to 12 months in prison if that sum remains unpaid after 3 months. Photograph on left - A pile of waste which was on site [photo from .gov. website].

In sentencing Berry, Her Honour Judge Sjolin Knight told him that he had taken an "arrogant and bullish approach." It was also "remarkable" that he claimed not to have established his environmental obligations.



She noted that he had run his business in such a way that he, "violated strict environmental laws that are there to protect the environment for everyone."

The court was told that in the spring of 2021, Berry, the sole director of SBR Foxhills Limited, became interested in a site at Thorpe Farm.

With a view to the company purchasing the site, he took over the control in April and began a clearance operation. The site had no environmental permit or other authorisation to store or treat waste. There was a

lot of waste already on the site. He agreed to move baled waste that had been stacked in a building. He also agreed to remove waste vehicles to a breakers' site and brought heavy plant to the site for that purpose.

The original landowner is still in Spain for operating a similar operation at Thorpe Farm and is being dealt with by the Spanish Authorities. The Environment Agency team and 75 Police officers from Lincolnshire Police and Spanish Police went into the site in September 2020, and found underground shipping containers used to grow cannabis, waste and stolen vehicles, badly treated animals.

However, rather than clearing and improving the site, he dumped the baled waste on a concrete pad. This was porous, cracked, had no sealed drainage and had an unsealed manhole cover that led to a void. He then abandoned the site leaving the baled waste exposed to the elements which inevitably caused it to degrade [see photograph below – courtesy of Environment Agency]



Environment Agency officers visited the site and Berry told them that he intended to clear the area. They gave him advice and attempted to work with him. He agreed to provide the requisite waste transfer notes that would prove lawful removal, but never did.

By November 2021, it was clear that the site had not been abandoned. Officers continued to try to work with him but their attempts were rejected. On one occasion, Berry verbally berated a senior officer telling him that he hoped he got cancer and died. Not content with his verbal abuse, he followed up his unpleasant words a few minutes later with a similarly offensive email.

Both Berry and his company entered not guilty pleas at a hearing at Lincoln Crown Court in June 2022. However, shortly before their trial was due to start, in November 2023, they changed their pleas to guilty. They were finally sentenced at Lincoln Crown Court on 7 May 2025. As part of its investigations, the

Environment Agency used drones for routine inspections to safely capture evidence of the waste activities. This use of technology is an on-going feature of the agency's work.

The Charges

Charge 1: operating a non-exempt waste operation without a permit, contrary to Regulations 12 and 38(1)(a) of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

Particulars of offence

SBR Foxhills Limited, between the 8 April 2021 and 26 February 2022 operated without an environmental permit a regulated facility, namely a waste operation for the treatment and storage of waste at Thorpe Farm, Skendleby.

Charge 2: operating a non-exempt waste operation without a permit, contrary to Regulations 12 and 38(1)(a) of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

Particulars of offence

Matthew Berry, between the 8 April 2021 and 26 February 2022, by consent, connivance or neglect, allowed the company SBR Foxhills Limited to operate without an environmental permit a regulated facility, namely a waste operation for the treatment and storage of waste at Thorpe Farm, Skendleby.

The case is an excellent example of co-operative and collaborative international working, alongside the use of new technologies in evidence gathering. Ultimately the site was bought by a local farmer and remediated, Peter Stark and his Environment Agency team monitored the remediation work to ensure the landfill waste was taken to an authorised site for disposal, undertaking numerous unannounced inspections and checks.

A fantastic result for the Environment Agency after many years of hard work.

For more details on the related cases, please visit: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lincolnshire-54150913.amp>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/penalties-of-47970-for-scarborough-waste-company-and-director>

Group fined £71,000 over huge waste piles in Suffolk Companies dumped thousands of tonnes of waste in countryside as water board 'turned blind eye'

From: [Environment Agency](#) taken from (UK Government) .Gov website 26.9.2025



[photos from UK Government .gov.uk website article]

The lorries kept on coming... Amounts of waste 'completely off the scale' driven through Suffolk and dumped illegally

Within England [UK], as waste regulator, the Environment Agency has responsibility for enforcing waste management legislation and "Completely off the scale" is how they described two years of mismanagement of waste from housing developments across Suffolk.

A judge on 26 September 2025 called it "negligent".

Five organisations have been fined £70,666 for the huge amount of unpermitted brick, concrete and other material stockpiled at two farms between 2016 and 2018.

When the Environment Agency heard about thousands of lorries moving waste along narrow roads in the village of Iken, they soon established more than 121,000 tonnes had been dumped at the two locations, Hill Farm and The Anchorage. Haulage and waste management firm Nicholls Ltd took the waste to Iken on behalf of East Suffolk Water Management Board, but without the permission from the Environment Agency. Judge Martyn Levett fined Nicholls, of Kesgrave, £26,666 at Ipswich crown court, Suffolk.

In March, he ordered them to pay £425,000 in a Proceeds of Crime Order, which is designed to ensure offenders don't profit financially from wrongdoing. Nicholls was given the waste by three firms, who admitted they failed to check where it was going. Howard Construction (Anglia) Ltd, of near Woodbridge, was fined £18,000. Barconn Ltd, of Norwich, was given a £14,000 penalty. Ipswich-based Landex Limited was fined £8,000.

A judge called the actions of four companies 'negligent,' while a water management board 'turned a blind eye'. Judge Levett said East Suffolk Water Management Board "turned a blind eye" to what was happening. They asked for the waste to be held at the farms, but failed to obtain the appropriate permit from the Environment Agency. They were fined £4,000.

Lesley Robertson, the enforcement team leader for the Environment Agency who led the investigation, said: "We won't hesitate to prosecute those responsible for illegal waste activities. Anyone who transports or disposes of waste has a duty of care to ensure it is handled correctly and taken to a legitimate permitted facility."

The £425,000 proceeds of crime order for Nicholls and fines against all five organisations show how serious judge Levett considered this to be. East Suffolk Water Management Board and Nicholls operated at a distinct commercial advantage. Waste was imported on a huge scale over a long period without the benefit of appropriate permits meant to protect the public and the environment.



[photos from UK Government .gov.uk website]

Whilst the companies seemed to look to each other to get the right permission for the work, it was crystal clear from the Environment Agency's investigation that all five should have known the rules on the management of waste. They were experienced operators in the construction and waste industries.

Investigators found both the vast quantity of waste and its composition meant the two locations it had been taken to were illegal. The waste contained wood, plastic, concrete and brick that was wrongly described as soil. The company thundering the waste through the Suffolk countryside had already been ordered to return £425,000 gained from the illegal work.

The court was earlier told the water management board did nothing to stop the waste being brought in or make any attempt to secure the appropriate Environment Agency permission.

More than half the illegal waste, around 62,000 tonnes, was supplied by Howard Construction. Barconn and Landex provided around a third again. East Suffolk Water Management Board sought to legitimise the waste at Iken by registering two waste exemptions. However, the sheer volume of what was taken there by Nicholls

meant the exemptions were quickly breached and illegal. All five organisations pleaded guilty to charges brought by the Environment Agency.

East Suffolk Water Management Board, based in Horsley's Fields, King's Lynn, Norfolk, operated a waste management facility on land at Iken without an environmental permit, in breach of regulation 12(1)(a) and 38(1)(a) of the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 and 2016. Nicholls Ltd, of Sinks Pit, Main Road, Kesgrave, left the waste at the same locations without a permit, contrary to section 33(1)(a) and (6) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Howard Construction (Anglia) Ltd, of Boot Street, Great Bealings, near Woodbridge; Barconn Ltd, of Meridian Way, Norwich; and Landex Ltd, of Holywells Road, in Ipswich, were all charged with failing to comply with the duty of care around on the transfer of waste, under section 34(1)(a) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The defendants were ordered to pay costs of £102,250 and will also have to pay victim surcharges totalling £850, or £170 each.

In addition

With reference to a case published in Newsletter 23 (Autumn 2024): **Environment Agency v Platinum Group Metals Recycling Ltd & Edvars Stancik Platinum Metals Limited** the conclusion of the case has resulted in a €1.3m fine for the owner: [Rogue waste company fined £1 million for running illegal site - GOV.UK](#)

ENDS.

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