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# ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATION LOGBOOK

Los Angeles

## Potential Environmental Violation Log: Recurring Event Tracker

**CONCERN:** \_\_\_\_\_  
What do you see/smell/hear?

**LOCATION:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Address / coordinates of the source, if known

Date	Start Time	End Time	Notes

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### Signs of Possible Environmental Violations:

- Strong, offensive, or unusual chemical odors.
- Unauthorized fill or wastewater discharges polluting streams or waterways.
- Improper hazardous waste storage or disposal.
- Public drinking water systems not meeting national or state standards.
- Leaking underground storage tanks or large-capacity cesspools.
- Unpermitted or unauthorized disposal of any pollutants under federal or state regulations.

### Concerns Handled by Other Agencies:

- **ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCIES** (ex. oil spills, radiation emergencies) should be sent to the California State Warning Center at **800-852-7550**.
- Rental housing concerns like **mold** and **indoor air quality** should be reported to the LA Housing Department.
- **Noise** complaints should be reported to the LA County Department of Health.
- **Animal protection** issues should be reported to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

## How To Use This Logbook

Use this logbook to track and report suspected environmental violations in communities in the Los Angeles area. Together, we can hold companies and individuals responsible for any violations of environmental regulations.

To the right (page 2) is a list of environmental violation warning signs, plus a list of common concerns that do *not* fall within environmental enforcement authority.

Page 3 provides overview information on CalEPA and U.S. EPA, along with QR codes to submit an online complaint to each agency. For urgent immediate response, see page 4 to connect with local agencies standing by to respond directly to community concerns.

The remaining pages of this logbook are fillable tracking sheets for two types of violations: single events, and recurrent events. Use the **Single Event Tracker** to document a potential violation that was witnessed one time (though the issue may be longer-lasting). Page 5 shows an example Single Event entry, and pages 6-9 are blank Single Event forms. Use the **Recurring Event Tracker** to document repeated activities or warning signs. Page 10 shows an example Recurring Event entry, and Pages 11-14 are blank Recurring Event forms.

Use completed log entries to report suspected violations to the appropriate agency.

## Reporting Environmental Violations in California: Oversight Agencies

CalEPA is charged with ensuring consistent, effective, and coordinated enforcement of state environmental laws by its boards and departments, which include:

- California Air Resources Board (CARB)
- the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR)
- the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)
- the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
- the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)



To submit an online complaint to any of the CalEPA BDOs, go to [calepa.ca.gov/complaints](http://calepa.ca.gov/complaints) or scan the QR code to the right.



U.S. EPA Region 9 is responsible for oversight and implementation of EPA programs in California. To submit a complaint to US EPA, go to [epa.gov/tips](http://epa.gov/tips) or scan the QR code to the right.

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# Potential Environmental Violation Log: Single Event Tracker

**WHEN:** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ End Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHERE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Address / coordinates of violation

Address / coordinates of violator (if different)

**WHO:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name or other identifying details of violator

**WHAT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Fill in as many details as possible about the potential threat to the air, water or land in your community. If possible, take photo or video evidence of your concern.

## Local Resources - Los Angeles

For the quickest response, report your concerns to local agencies serving the LA area.

**Air**  
South Coast Air Quality Management District: [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov)..... 1-800-CUT-SMOG (1-800-288-7664)

**Water**  
LA Regional Water Quality Control Board: [www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles)..... 213-576-6600

**Hazardous Waste / Toxic Substances**  
LA Fire Department - Health Hazardous Materials Division: [www.lafd.org](http://www.lafd.org)  
Business Hours..... 323-890-4317  
After Hours..... 323-881-2455  
Department of Toxics Substances Control: [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov)  
Hazardous Waste Alert Hotline..... 800-698-6942

**Illegal Dumping**  
City of LA: [www.myla311.lacity.org](http://www.myla311.lacity.org) / MyLA311 app..... 311  
LA County - Public Works: [www.dpw.lacounty.gov](http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov)..... (888)-8DUMPING (888-8386-7464)

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Name or other identifying details of violator

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**WHEN:** Date: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ End Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHERE:** 1360 High St. Exampleville, CA 92700

Address / coordinates of violation

Office: PO Box 4798 Exampleville, CA 92800

Address / coordinates of violator (if different)

**WHO:** Bad Guy Manufacturing Inc

Name or other identifying details of violator

**WHAT:** I've seen employees throw waste oil, paint,  
and chemicals into the regular dumpster  
instead of disposing separately.

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# Potential Environmental Violation Log: Recurring Event Tracker

**CONCERN:** Strong bleach smell in mornings  
What do you see/smell/hear?

**LOCATION:** Near my house: 392 Example St, LA  
Address / coordinates of the source, if known

Date	Start Time	End Time	Notes
11/6/23	7:45am	8:30am	
11/8/23	8am	9:30am	
11/11/23	7:45am	10am	Back after gone for 2 days
11/12/23	8:30am	12pm	Windy, smelled for longer
11/15/23	8am	8:45am	
11/17/23	9am	10am	Really strong this morning

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