

L.A. City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo Launches New Environmental Project

Earlier this month Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo announced the creation of EJECT, which stands for Environmental Justice Enforcement and Compliance Team.

The new project “will coordinate multi-agency inspections of industrial facilities located in high-risk neighborhoods, allowing for aggressive prosecution on multiple counts against a single violator,” according to a press release distributed to the media by the Los Angeles City Attorney’s office on April 1, 2004.

The press release cited two other projects that will be incorporated into the environmental justice project.

One project is the Wilmington Initiative, which was initiated on June 5, 2003 and since that time has resulted in 18 criminal cases against Harbor area businesses, according to the press release.

The second project, the Chrome Platers Initiative, “was designed to inspect a sample of the approximately 207 permitted chrome plating facilities in Southern California,” the press release stated, adding that “many of these companies are concentrated in South Los Angeles and Boyle Heights.”

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About Richards, Watson & Gershon’s Environmental Law Department

The 50-year-old law firm of Richards, Watson & Gershon has offices in Los Angeles, Orange County and San Francisco.

The firm’s environmental litigation lawyers have achieved favorable results for both public and private sector clients in a variety of complex environmental litigation matters arising under local, state, federal and common laws.

The lawyers in the Environmental Law Department have significant experience in representing property owners in both compliance and litigation matters, such as those legal matters being addressed by the Los Angeles City Attorney’s new Environmental Justice Enforcement and Compliance Team.

Serving as the Assistant Chair of the Environmental Law Department is lawyer Lisa Bond. Ms. Bond represents both private and public sector clients in a wide variety of environmental matters and specializes in prosecution and defense of contaminated property clean-ups, cost recovery cases and environmental insurance coverage claims.

Ms. Bond is currently a Vice Chair of the Programs Subcommittee of the Environmental Section of the Los Angeles County Bar, and previously served as the Chair of the Hazardous Materials Subcommittee and the Vice Chair of the Hazardous Materials and Water Quality Subcommittee. She is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of California.