

# Federal Bureau of Investigation Joint Terrorism Task Force



## Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation

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# Domestic Terrorism Defined



Activities that involve acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any state; appear to be intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping; and occur primarily within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.



# Eco-Terrorism

“During the past two decades, radical environmental and animal rights groups have claimed responsibility for hundreds of crimes and acts of terrorism, including arson, bombings, vandalism and harassment, causing more than \$100 million in damage. While some activists have been captured, ecoterror cells - small and loosely affiliated - are extremely difficult to identify and most attacks remain unsolved. Although it has been overshadowed by Islamic terrorist threats since September 11, **ecoterrorism remains one of the country's most active terrorist movements.**”

(Anti-Defamation League)



# Environmental Extremists



- Believe that criminal actions are necessary to end perceived exploitation of the natural resources and ecosystems in the United States;
- Nonhierarchical and autonomous with lone offenders and small cells posing the greatest threat of criminal activity. Ecoterror cells are extremely difficult to identify and infiltrate;
- Adhere to Earth Liberation Front (ELF) credo: “To inflict economic damage on those profiting from the destruction and exploitation of the natural environment.”



# Environmental Extremists



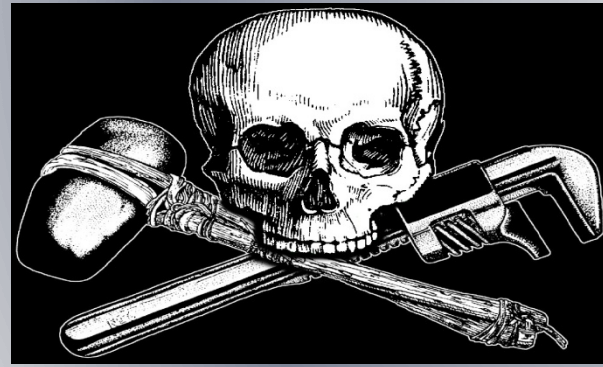
- Historical targets have included fossil fuel industries, forestry operations, universities or companies conducting research into genetically modified organisms, sport utility vehicles, and construction projects associated with urban sprawl and highway expansion;
- Criminal activity has ranged from graffiti and trespassing, to vandalism, sabotage and arson;
- Desired result is to inflict significant economic loss;



# Environmental Extremists



- Known to also target businesses associated with perceived negative environmental activities such as financial institutions;
- Oil/Gas industry targeting focus is on equipment required for the extraction process, businesses used to transport product, or entities associated with either activity to cause economic loss. Targeting would avoid any actions that would harm ecosystem;
- Historically, activities have not intended to harm individuals.



- Founded in 1979, International organization;
- Advocate direct action via:
  - Legal Process;
  - Civil Disobedience;
  - “Monkeywrenching”, guide to sabotage;
- Billed as a movement, not an organization;
- Several chapters in Marcellus Region;
- Prisoner Support Page, Informant Tracking;
- Encrypted email communications.



## The Movement

We are the generation that occupied Wall Street, Sandy, and Tahrir Square. We dyed Facebook red in support of marriage equality. We've turned out in record numbers to every election we've been allowed to vote in, and elected President Barack Obama – twice.

We have shut down hundreds of coal plants and kept countless more from being built, while leading the charge to create a green economy in our communities. We have put our fists in the air and our bodies on the line to fight Keystone XL, fracking, and mountaintop removal — and we're willing to do it again.

We are not afraid to speak truth to power, to sacrifice and to demonstrate our commitment to changes that seemed impossible to previous generations. We are leading our country to a clean energy future.



## Contest: Because Security Cameras Won't Destroy Themselves



**First Annual Security Cam Hunting Contest**  
Because Surveillance Cameras Will Not Destroy Themselves

To Enter: Study the terrain of your home city, town or nearby industrial or shopping complex, create a series of well thought out plans (with a series of plan Bs and Cs to evade detection), gather your materials, mask up, avoid working with those you don't have a strong relationship with, smash and disable surveillance cameras.

To Win: When surveillance apparatus are crippled we all win. However, in the spirit of struggle and fun, the infamous underground collective site (think Invisibility Liberation Front) or the region, city or town to boast the most destruction in U.S. dollars (which will be tallied from media sources following Jan. 1 2014) will be declared the winner of the first annual cam hunting contest. Of course, the first to smash a drone cam will win by default, unless two or more groups can claim a drone and in that case the contest reverts to capital losses.

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## National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism And Response to Terrorism (START)

### Overview of Bombing and Arson Attacks by Environmental and Animal Rights Extremists in the United States

“Between 1995 and 2010, there were a total of 239 arsons and bombings committed by these groups, with 55% attributed to ELF and 45% to ALF. Of these 239 incidents, 62% were bombings, and 38% were arsons. The vast majority of all incidents, 66 %, occurred in the West. Over 42% of these incidents resulted in substantial or very substantial property damage and financial losses.”

“Overall, findings indicate greater attention needs to be paid to the criminal activities of animal and environmental rights extremists organizations in order to support future investigations and risk assessments.”

[www.start.umd.edu](http://www.start.umd.edu)



## PENNSYLVANIA & NEW YORK CHAPTERS:

- FINGER LAKES;
- HUDSON VALLEY;
- OCCUPY WELL STREET;
- STOP TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE;
- SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY.

- SOLICIT DONATIONS FOR OPERATING COSTS, PROTESTS, BAIL & PRISONER SUPPORT.

- ACTIVE TRAINING EVENTS RELATED TO CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE:
  - LOCKDOWNS & BLOCKADES;
  - DIRECT ACTION STRATEGIES;
  - TREE CLIMBING WORKSHOPS – TREE SITS & ROAD BLOCKS;
  - ARREST DOs & DON'Ts.

**JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 MOSHANNON STATE FOREST,  
CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PA;  
150 EARTH FIRST MEMBERS BLOCKADE AN EQT  
DRILL SITE.**



# the shadbush environmental justice collective



JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 – BESSEMER, LAWRENCE COUNTY,  
PA;  
APPROXIMATELY 50 PROTESTERS SHUT-DOWN ACTIVE  
SHELL WELL SITE.



FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 – MILFORD TOWNSHIP, PIKE COUNTY, PA  
MEMBERS OF EARTH FIRST STOP TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE BEGIN TO PROTEST EXPANSION PROJECT INVOLVING RIGHT-OF-WAY CLEARING.



- FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2013
- GREENHUNTER WATER, NEW MATATMORAS, OH;
- OVER 100 ACTIVISTS ENTERED FRACK WATER STORAGE FACILITY TO PROTEST PENDING OHIO RIVER USE PERMIT;
- 30' POLE ERRECTED, ANCHORED TO TANKER TRUCK;
- ALL BUSINESS OPERATIONS SHUT-DOWN.



MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2013  
SUSPICIOUS CHARRED DEBRIS OBSERVED ON WELL PAD  
IN TIOGA COUNTY, PA





APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2013  
SUSPICIOUS CHARRED DEBRIS OBSERVED  
ON WELL PAD IN TIOGA COUNTY, PA



FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2013  
TWO IEDs FOUND NEAR CURTIS ROAD, SUMMIT  
TOWNSHIP ERIE COUNTY, PA ON ACCESS ROAD TO  
STORAGE WELL





**MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**  
**DRIVE-BY SHOOTING AT ACTIVE SHELL WELL PAD**  
**INVOLVING A WHITE FORD PICK-UP IN MERCER**  
**TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, PA**



5/13/2013 PIPE BOMB WAS FOUND AT ENTRANCE TO WELL PAD IN FOX TOWNSHIP, ELK COUNTY. CONTAINED MIXTURE OF BLACK POWDER AND SMOKELESS RIFLE POWDER.

# POST BLAST PHOTOGRAPH



DEVICE CONTAINED A MIXTURE OF BLACK POWDER AND SMOKELESS RIFLE POWDER



8/13/2012 PIPE BOMB FOUND ON RIGHT-OF-WAY OF NATURAL GAS PIPELINE THAT WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, PA. DEVICE CONTAINED BLACK POWDER.



# Investigations

- Predicated on actions and/or threats of violence or criminal activity, not freedom of speech;
- Varying levels of investigation:
  - Threat Assessment;
  - Preliminary Investigation;
  - Full Investigation;
- Documentation & Information Sharing;
- United States Oil & Natural Gas – LEO/SIG;
- Marcellus Shale Operators’ Crime Committee.

# PENNSYLVANIA CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER (PACIC)

## Contact PaCIC Critical Infrastructure/ Key Resources Unit

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If you wish to report tips associated  
with terrorism, please call/email:

**Terrorism Tip Line**  
(888) 292-1919  
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## PaCIC and the CI/KR Mission

The Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center (PaCIC) was originally created by the Pennsylvania State Police to enhance the crime prevention and investigation capabilities of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. PaCIC provides 24 hours a day, seven days per week access to its most powerful weapon—information.

Recently the need was recognized to increase information sharing between criminal justice agencies and the owners and operators of critical infrastructure and key resources throughout Pennsylvania with whom we share the fundamental responsibility of safeguarding our communities. Critical Infrastructure / Key Resources (CI/KR) are the assets, systems, and networks, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the U.S. that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, national economic security, public health or safety, or any combination thereof. A group of Intelligence Analysts at PaCIC are specifically tasked with monitoring potential threats to the various CI/KR sectors throughout Pennsylvania and keeping the owners and operators informed so they can better protect the Commonwealth's infrastructure, environment, and citizens from future threats.

## Critical Infrastructure/ Key Resources Sectors

Homeland Security Presidential Directive - 7 established United States policy for enhancing critical infrastructure protection by establishing a framework for the Department of Homeland Security's partners to identify, prioritize, and protect the CI/KR in their communities from terrorist attacks. It defined 18 vital sectors that could, if attacked, significantly disrupt the functioning of government, businesses, and daily life and produce cascading effects felt far beyond the targeted sector and physical location of the incident. Since many of the sectors are intertwined, effects in one sector are many times felt in another.

**Agriculture & Food** farms, firms, and facilities that feed and clothe the American public

**Banking & Finance** banks, thrifts, credit unions, insurers, securities brokers/dealers, investment companies, and certain financial utilities

**Chemical** basic, specialty, and agricultural chemicals, plus pharmaceuticals and consumer products

**Commercial Facilities** public assemblies, sports leagues, gaming, lodging, outdoor events, entertainment and media, real estate, and retail

**Communications** provides voice services using terrestrial, satellite, and wireless transmission systems

**Critical Manufacturing** primary metal; machinery; electrical equipment, appliance, and component; and transportation equipment

**Dams** dams, navigation locks, levees, hurricane barriers, mine tailings, and other water retention facilities

**Defense Industrial Base** facilities performing research and development, design, production, delivery, and maintenance of military weapons systems, subsystems, components, or parts

**Emergency Services** first responder disciplines

**Energy** includes electricity, petroleum, and natural gas

**Government Facilities** buildings owned or leased by federal, state, territorial, local, or tribal governments

**Healthcare & Public Health** hospitals, clinics, and other aspects of public health

**Information Technology** hardware, software, and IT systems and services

**National Monuments & Icons** monuments and historical landmarks widely recognized or memorialized

**Nuclear Reactors, Materials, & Waste** all fields dealing with nuclear material including power plants, research, medical, and disposal

**Postal & Shipping** automated processing facilities; local delivery units; collection, acceptance, and retail operations; and mail transport vehicles

**Transportation Systems** aviation, highway, maritime transportation systems, mass transit, pipeline systems, and railways

**Water** drinking water and wastewater utilities

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# Questions?

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