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**Environmental Crimes**

The court found that Packer Company, Inc., and Tisbury Towing and Transportation Co violated the environmental act. It is pointed that Packer Company, Inc., and Tisbury Towing and Transportation Co failed to inspect, document, and report its operations. The company was accused of failing to ensure that there is no leakage from the equipment. The companies, which operate along the beach, left the pipes without getting them tightened properly, and therefore, there was a leakage gas to the water. It is also pointed out that the company fails to inspect and document its operations and this leads to the corrosions which result in the leakages of the pipe. The gasoline vapors which were left loose and eventually leaked to water are very dangerous air pollutant like benzene. The gas could cause serious health-related problems and therefore, it was illegal for the company to leave the pipe without ensuring that the pipes are properly maintained and no leakages could be experienced.

It was an environmental crime because under the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act no company should allow gas to evaporate into the water. Therefore, by failing to tight their pipes and provide proper maintenance to ensure that there is no leakage. It means that the company violated the Environmental Act and failing to comply with environmental law is illegal. It is also important to point out that the environmental law requires that all gases and other waster products should be properly disposed and any disposal without proper observing the law is illegal. It is therefore, evident that the actions by the two companies were illegal and regarded as environmental crime. Therefore, they were charged for violating the federal environmental acts and clean air and water act.

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