



Mexican Cartel Crude Oil Smuggling Methodology

Mexican cartels, including the Cartel Jalisco Nuevo Generacion (CJNG) and the Sinaloa Cartel, steal fuel and crude oil from Mexico's state-owned energy company, Pemex, through various means, including bribing Pemex employees, illegally drilling taps into pipelines, and stealing from refineries. The cartels transport stolen Pemex crude oil to storage tanks in cartel-controlled territories. Through cartel-controlled companies, crude oil is then smuggled via tanker trucks across the U.S. southwest border into Texas, often mislabeled as "waste oil" or other hazardous materials to avoid scrutiny and evade taxes and regulations. After crossing the border, stolen crude oil is delivered to vacant lots equipped with mobile storage tanks that are operated by companies under the control of the cartels or complicit in their activity until it is ultimately delivered to complicit U.S. importers. Complicit U.S. importers can then sell the stolen crude oil at a steep discount to complicit third-party brokers in the United States and elsewhere. Eventually, the stolen crude is sold and shipped by complicit third-party brokers to other oil and natural gas companies and refineries within the United States and other countries, most of whom are likely unaware of the illegitimate source of the crude oil.

Mexican Cartel Crude Oil Smuggling Schemes

Designated CJNG-linked Targets Involved in Crude Oil Smuggling Schemes

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