

Eco-Criminals:

An incomplete list (3)

(5) Tom Albanese

When it comes to long-term environmental destruction, the world's second largest mining company has done an outstanding job. Whether digging up rainforests in Madagascar, pumping toxic wastes into the oceans of Papua New Guinea, operating illegal open pit uranium mines in Africa, or smelching a total of 20 million tonnes of waste, Rio Tinto has worked efficiently over the past 125 years and a successful business leader. In 2006 Wired magazine described Apple as having "one of the worst recycling records in the American PC industry." A Mother Jones article the same year characterizes this company's environmental record as "rotten." In 2006 Greenpeace awarded Apple a D-10 environmental rating.

In 2007 Jobs announced that it would beef up its recycling program and gradually phase out the use of BFRs and PVCs. Corporate publicity for Apple claims it is "ahead of the competition" in terms of environmental responsibility. It points out how lead has essentially eliminated from CRTs in 2006. The introduction of arsenic-free glass in 2007 also won some kudos. And in 2008 Greenpeace gave this company a D-7-out environmental rating, above the globe. There's simply not enough sacrifice to make up for the harm done. I am a hypocrite initially. Ways, he said, to make the world a better place. I am a hypocrite initially. Ways, he said, to make the world a better place. I am a hypocrite initially. Ways, he said, to make the world a better place.

