American Timeline

1979	Nancy Baker (Baker) begins working for American Aircraft company's Microelectronic Circuit Division (American MCD) in Newport Beach, CA	
1981	Claire Paul (Paul) begins working for American MCD as a supervisor for assembly on the hybrid production floor and as a supervisor in the hybrid engineering lab	
1984	Baker becomes supervisor for hybrid quality assurance	
1985	Paul asks Baker to look at errors in paperwork, Baker brings errors to the attention of her supervisors and was told to keep quiet, beginning of time period when Paul/Baker became aware of problems in hybrid chip testing and paperwork	
1986	Paul becomes supervisor for seals processing in the environmental testing area, False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733) becomes False Claims Reform Act of 1 making it stronger and easier to apply	986
Oct. 1986	Paul/Baker report problems to American management, and, after the problems were not fixed, Paul/Baker reported the allegations of faulty testing to the United States Department of Defense	
Jan. 9, 1987	Earliest date that American may have stopped neglecting environmental	
1998	Baker leaves American feeling that her job had been stripped of all real responsibili	ty
Mar. 1989	Paul is laid off from American	
1995	Paul and her husband are divorced	
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American Timeline: Civil Suit

United States of America, ex rel. Taxpayers Against Fraud, Nancy Ann Baker, and Claire Paul v. American Aircraft Company, Inc.

1990	Paul files wrongful discharge suit against American and a number of individual managers, which was eventually dropped in favor of the civil suit
May 29, 1990	Thinking the Government investigation was taking too much time, Paul/Baker file civil suit against American under False Claims reform Act of 1986 with the help of Taxpayers Against Fraud and Washington law firm Phillips & Cohen.
Dec. 1992	under provisions of the FCA, the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Division takes over the civil case
Sep. 10, 1996	American found guilty in civil trial, pay U.S. Government \$4,050,000 and each relator \$891,000 plus a separate payment of \$450,000 to cover attorney's fees, costs, and expenses

American Case: Criminal Suit

United States of America v. American Aircraft Co., and Tim Clark

Dec. 13, 1991	after a lengthy investigation, the U.S. Department of Defense charges American and Tim A. Clark (Clark) with a 51-count indictment accusing it of falsifying tests of microelectronic circuits (criminal suit)
Jun 15, 1992	American found guilty of conspiring to defraud the U.S. Government in criminal case, co-defendant Clark acquitted following 4-week trial, Paul/Baker called as witnesses in trial, American appeals
Oct. 29, 1992	American fined \$3.5 million in criminal trial decision
Dec. 2, 1993	Appellate court upholds 1992 criminal conviction and sentence, American appeal fails