

National Environmental Peer Audit Program Statistics

A total of 195 colleges have been audited, with 75% reporting the following statistics:

- \$86.7 M of estimated penalties waived (100% of proposed gravity-based penalties), average of \$504,070 per college/university;
- Disclosed 16,275 State and Federal environmental violations to the EPA and State Agencies with subsequent remediation;
- Identified and properly managed approximately 100.5 tons of hazardous waste and permanently changed the routine management of these waste streams where they will no longer be disposed of in landfills or discharged to sanitary sewers;
- Disposed approximately 68.9 tons of legacy hazardous waste at permitted licensed facilities;
- Disposed approximately 40.8 tons of legacy non-hazardous chemical waste at permitted licensed facilities;
- Managed approximately 2.59 million gallons of petroleum products under the EPA's Clean Water Act Spill Prevention, Control & Countermeasure (SPCC) regulations;
- Obtained State and Federal air permits for approximately 2,138 fuel-burning sources (e.g., boilers, emergency generators, kilns) that were previously not permitted. An additional 907 emissions sources were reviewed and confirmed as exempt from permitting requirements;
- Managed and recycled approximately 42 tons of batteries and fluorescent light bulbs as regulated universal wastes, instead of disposing them off-site in local landfills;
- Notified tenants in 1,985 residential dwellings of potential exposure to lead-based paint;
- Removed 62 Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) containing petroleum products and remediated at least 10 sources of groundwater and soil contamination;
- Achieved a 60% increase in the size and number of recycling programs at participating colleges/universities;
- Filed 350 Hazardous Materials Reports with state and local emergency planning authorities;
- Trained approximately 3,400 faculty, staff, and administration in environmental compliance from the member institutions of AAICU (Alabama), AICU (Arkansas), AICUNJ (New Jersey), GFIC (Georgia), ICI (Indiana), ICUF (Florida), ICUT (Texas), KICA (Kansas), MCF (Michigan), NCICU (North Carolina) and TICUA (Tennessee) since March 2007;
- 90% of the colleges/universities have elected to prepare and implement Environmental Management System (EMS) Programs, while 10% will conduct periodic audits to satisfy conditions of the EPA Peer Audit Agreement.