

EPA Self-Disclosure Audit

Rutgers Environmental Health and Safety (REHS) submitted the final self-disclosure audit reports to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on June 15, 2003. The University community has contributed tremendously to this effort and this certainly could not have accomplished it without everyone's support. Rutgers is continuing to promote Environmental Excellence by completing the various ongoing commitments made to the EPA.

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Original Press Release

[November 29, 2001 Rutgers is First University in Nation to Do Voluntary Audit Under Agreement with EPA](#)

[Focus Article December 7, 2001](#)

Press Release for Environmental Quality Reward

[April 30, 2002 EPA REGION 2 ADMINISTRATOR JANE M. KENNY HONORS ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN NEW JERSEY](#)

Time Line

2000 - established over 800 Satellite Accumulation Areas for Hazardous Waste Storage

2001 - negotiations with the Federal EPA, region 2 to self-audit and self-report violations for eleven different regulatory programs

October 2001 - Audits begin

November 28, 2001 - Audit agreement signed

March 1, 2002 - First Disclosure Report Submitted to EPA Region 2
Reports for violations in regards to Underground Storage Tanks, Clean Air Act - NSPS, NESHAPS - Asbestos, TSCA - PCB, and Lead Based Paint Disclosure rule.
No monetary penalties resulted.

June 15, 2002 - Second Disclosure Report Submitted to EPA Region 2
Reports were submitted for the Busch/Livingston, College, Avenue and Camden campuses, and the Adelphia, Blueberry/Cranberry, Bridgeton, and Cream Ridge research centers, and the Snyder Farm in regards to: SPPC Plans, CAA - CFCs, Risk Management Plans, FIFRA - Pesticides, and UIC Class V Injection Wells programs

In addition to the above listed programs a report on the RCRA programs for the

Busch/Livingston campus, including the TSDF, and the Bridgeton and Tuckerton research stations was also submitted. No monetary penalties resulted.

October 31, 2002 REHS submitted reports for the Cook, Douglass, and Newark campuses in regards to: SPPC Plans, CAA - CFCs, Risk Management Plans, FIFRA - Pesticides, and UIC Class V Injection Wells programs. No monetary penalties resulted.

March 31, 2003 The final disclosure report was submitted to the EPA Region 2 in regards to our RCRA programs for the Camden, College Avenue, Cook, Douglass, and Newark campuses and nine other off campus facilities. EPA has not responded to this report to date.

Benefits to the University and REHS

The agreement to self-audit and self disclose violations to the EPA has resulted in many benefits to the University and REHS. Some of these advantages include:

- Provided "one on one" consultations by REHS staff to many individuals throughout the university community.
- Created a proactive approach to an environmental compliance program as opposed to a more common reactionary approach.
- Enabled collaboration between REHS staff and the University to correct deficiencies and create a win-win outcome.

Ongoing Efforts

As part of the agreement to the EPA, REHS has agreed to improve the University's environmental programs to prevent recurrence of violations. Some of these commitments include:

- An improved website which is more user friendly.
- Web-based compliance tools for laboratories including self-inspection checklists.
- Improved training which includes online refresher training for several topics including Hazardous Waste Management in Laboratories, Chemical Hygiene, and Radiation Safety.
- Annual Environmental, Health, and Safety Assessments for laboratories, art studios, darkrooms, maintenance areas, etc.

Please use the following links for more information:

[Laboratory Self Inspection](#) [pdf]

[Laboratory Audit Checklist](#) [pdf]

[Laboratory Safety & Environmental Compliance Inspection](#) [pdf]

[CESQG Hazardous Waste Audit](#) [pdf]

[SQG Hazardous Waste Audit](#) [pdf]

[LQG Hazardous Waste Audit](#) [pdf]

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