

USEPA Audit Policy Program Statement

The United States Environmental Protection Agency developed an Audit Policy called "Incentives for Self-Policing: Discovery, Disclosure, Correction and Prevention of Violations." This program is designed to provide incentives for regulated entities to voluntarily obtain compliance with federal environmental laws and regulations, making formal EPA investigations and enforcement actions unnecessary.

The benefits of using this program include:

- Significant penalty reductions/mitigation
- No recommendation for criminal prosecution
- No routine requests for audit reports.

The Division of Safety and Compliance acts as a liaison between the campus unit and the regulatory agencies. Please contact the Division of Safety and Compliance if you are interested in performing a compliance audit and self-disclosing the findings to the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The USEPA Audit Policy can be found at:

http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/incentives/auditing/auditpolicy.pdf or

http://www.epa.gov/