

EPA Update: Activity in the College & University Sector

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Abstract Text

Several Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Offices continue to target colleges and universities for enforcement while offering new and innovative compliance assistance and enforcement amnesty programs. The enforcement inspections have resulted in the imposition of substantial fines against colleges from Hawaii to Louisiana to Maine. Because these enforcement inspections continue to identify a number of violations, enforcement is expected to remain an Agency priority for the foreseeable future. Many EPA Regional Offices also offer incentives to encourage schools to perform self audits and correct areas of noncompliance. The voluntary programs have resulted in EPA forgiving millions of dollars in fines the Agency could have imposed if it had discovered the violations.

This presentation will provide an update on each EPA Regional Office's enforcement and compliance assistance activities; discuss EPA programs designed to help colleges and universities go beyond compliance, and to reduce the overall footprint of today's campus; and identify future trends with respect to EPA and the academic community.

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