

## **Small School Peer Review**

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### **Abstract Text**

One of the requirements of EPA Region 1 Compliance Initiative was to ensure that College/Universities would ensure that the violations identified during the inspection process would not be repeated. There are many ways to accomplish this but working at a small school with a limited budget and minimal staff, thinking out of the box was necessary. In 2004 a number of small schools in CT started a “peer review” team. This team was represented by EH&S staff from various Colleges with various backgrounds. Approximately 3-4 times per year, the group travels to different schools and performs a “peer review” of that facility. This approach is a “win-win” situation. First, the school that is being reviewed receives free criticism/comments from their peers. Second, the representatives from other schools can see how their peer’s interpret and implement regulations, good and sometimes bad. Third, it ensures that the Colleges are doing their part to remain in compliance with the regulations by having another set of eyes review your plans.

This presentation will explain how this review team was started, examples of successes and failures and ways that a similar program can be started in your state.

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