

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

FAIRFlorida Air Inspector Reference

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FAIR Program - Overview

- Developed in 2013
- Implemented in 2014
- Consists of:
 - Reference manual
 - Classroom training
 - Supplemental resources
- Division conducted seven classroom training sessions across the state
- Trained over 150 inspectors



FAIR Program - Overview

- Covers a variety of topics
 - Understanding Air Pollution and Its Regulation
 - Role of Compliance Professional
 - Conducting Onsite Compliance Inspections
 - Air Pollution Sources
 - Air Pollution Control Equipment and Methods
 - Enforcement
- Core knowledge to be a compliance assurance professional



Why FAIR?

- District office reorganization in 2012/2013
 - Multimedia inspectors
- Provide clear guidance regarding outreach and compliance assistance
- Reinforce Department's compliance assurance approach
 - Regulatory goal of compliance with environmental regulations
 - Prevent noncompliance before it occurs
- Consistency among districts
- Provide clear information on EPA compliance assurance and data reporting requirements



FAIR Classroom Training

- 2.5 days long
- Covers a subset of topics contained in the manual
- First day is of general applicability
 - Air, waste and water inspectors benefit
- Test conducted at end
 - Not a certification but a reflection on knowledge gained
- 2014 sessions
 - All inspectors attended (new/veteran)
 - Visited each district office once and the Southwest District twice
 - Sessions conducted by Michael Ballenger of Trinity Consultants
 - Video recorded one session



FAIR In Detail

- Topics covered
 - Air pollution and its regulation
 - How air regulatory scheme operates
 - Federal and state relationship
 - Permitting
 - Role of compliance professional
 - Information gatherer
 - Information provider
 - Perform outreach
 - Responding to complaints
 - Inform enforcement measures



FAIR In Detail

- Topics covered (cont.)
 - Conducting onsite compliance inspections
 - Purpose, frequency, and preparation
 - How to conduct and document
 - Handling noncompliance issues
 - Air pollution sources
 - Industries in Florida
 - Sources of emissions
 - Major and minor sources



FAIR In Detail

- Topics covered (cont.)
 - Air Pollution Control Equipment
 - PM, acid gases, NOx, VOCs, circumvention
 - Enforcement
 - State process
 - Violation categories and types
 - Emissions exceedance, reporting, etc.
 - Federally reportable violations
 - Compliance without enforcement considerations
 - Formal enforcement
 - Penalties
 - Penalty matrix
 - FLRA
 - Circuit court



Summary

- Knowledgeable compliance professionals
- Consistent compliance assurance across districts
- Awareness of Florida and its industries
- Understanding of federal compliance assurance and data requirements



Miscellaneous

- Electronic resources
 - Online asbestos notifications http://www.fldepportal.com/go/
 - Online General Permit registration http://www.fldepportal.com/go/
 - New Division compliance assurance database and field inspection tool - AirCom
- Contacts
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