
FY00 NECSAS PROGRAM

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Environmental Liability

Environmental compliance findings are classified according to the EPA-based system with certain regulatory programs having established penalties and fines. The mitigation of the documented FY00 findings involving hazardous waste management alone (i.e., RCRA-based deficiencies) would eliminate a potential liability of \$6-million.

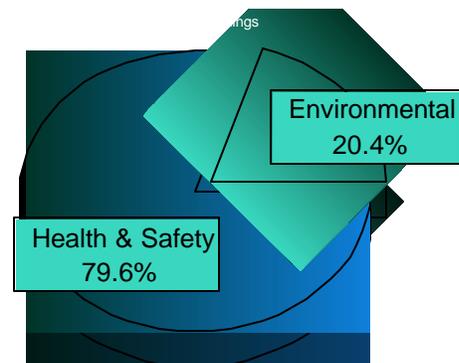
FY00 SITES ASSESSED

MD	Oxford NCCOS CCEHBR Laboratory Facility (NOS)	19 September 2000
NC	Asheville National Climatic Data Center (NESDIS)	18 November 1999
	Atlantic Beach Enforcement Office (NMFS)	17 November 1999
	Beaufort Laboratory/Center for Coastal and Fisheries Habitat Research (NOS)	16 November 1999
	Moorehead Weather Forecast Office (NWS)	15 November 1999
	Raleigh Weather Forecast Office (NWS)	15 November 1999
	Wilmington Weather Forecast Office (NWS)	19 November 1999
OR	Medford Weather Forecast Office (NWS) and Mt. Ashland Radar Towers	24 August 2000
	Portland WFO-RFC Facility (NWS) and Scappoose Radar Towers	22 August 2000
VA	Blacksburg (Roanoke) Weather Forecast Office (NWS) and Buchannon River Gauge	19 September 2000
	Chesapeake CO-OPS Field Operations Division (NOS)	21 September 2000
	Norfolk CS Atlantic Hydrographic Branch (NOS)	19 September 2000
	Norfolk NGS Field Operations Branch (NOS)	20 September 2000
	Norfolk Marine Operations Center – Atlantic (OMAO)	21 September 2000
	Wakefield Weather Forecast Office (NWS) and Stony Creek River Gauge	20 September 2000
	Wallop CDA Station (NESDIS)	20 September 2000

Noncompliance Findings

Trends Show Improvements in Environmental Performance

The chart below presents an overall summary of noncompliance findings, both environmental and health and safety (EH&S), documented at the 16 FY00 NOAA sites assessed. Of the 157 FY00 findings, environmental compliance constitutes 20.4% (i.e., 32 of the total findings).



These numbers, although still reducible, attest to the maturity of the environmental programs whose performance has been assessed through a three-tier approach over the past five years with the documented deficiencies receiving funding. A program of environmental compliance and awareness training has contributed greatly toward this marked progress.

Environmental Top Areas

Within the environmental area (above), two categories comprise 40% of the concern:

1. Petroleum, Oil and Lubricant Management; and
2. Hazardous Waste Management;

The cost to correct these highly visible areas of concern is estimated at \$75,000.