

Air Regulation

Department of Environmental Protection

Division of Air Resource Management



Compliance Assurance

The Compliance Assurance Section:

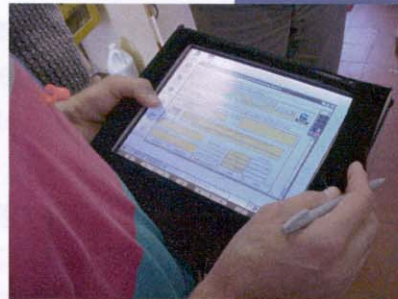
- Coordinates Florida's air compliance and enforcement program among the state and local air programs and the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Region 4.
- Oversees air compliance and enforcement data management.
- Reviews inspection data to recognize trends in industry noncompliance with Title V conditions and provides assistance to state and local programs and affected industries.
- Provides air compliance data to EPA.



Historically, Florida leads the Southeast in air compliance assurance activities and enforcement penalties collected, including:

- Reporting high priority violators to the EPA.
- Conducting overview inspections.
- Providing technical assistance necessary to support the air enforcement effort.

Most recently, the Compliance Section supported development of an Electronic Access System for Inspection Information Retrieval (EASIIR, pronounced "easier") software program. This program is loaded onto "rugged unit" personal computers that the inspectors take into the field. This new technology allows the inspector to have instant access to full permit requirements for all Title V facilities, as well as the ability to enter new inspection data into the EASIIR program. The inspector can then upload this information into the Air Resource Management System (ARMS) upon returning to the office.



New Source Review

The New Source Review Section:

- Reviews and issues intents for all Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) air quality permits, to insure that permitting of proposed new industrial facilities and the associated economic growth will occur in a manner consistent with preservation of clean air resources.
- Conducts Best Available Control Technology (BACT) reviews and determinations.
- Provides air quality modeling support.
- Provides consultation on permitting options to applicants as well as district and local programs.

Title V

The Title V Section:

- Coordinates all Title V permitting throughout the state.
- Reviews all calculations for Title V fees.
- Provides oversight to permits drafted by the district and local air programs.
- Reviews and issues intents for all Title V air operation permits for major sources subject to the acid rain rules and those certified under the Power Plant Siting Act.
- Provides air toxics permitting assistance to the district and local programs.

According to a recent report issued by EPA's Inspector General, the keys to successfully implementing the program are strong support from agency's management, and development of successful partnerships with industry.

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The Department of Environmental Protection has completed assessments and issued Title V air permits to all its 1,716 regulated facilities throughout the state, including:

- 452 facilities classified as "major" sources, such as power plants and manufacturing factories. The national average for issuing Title V permits is 70%; and the only other state to join Florida with a 100% permitting record for major sources is South Dakota, which has permitted all of its 200 facilities.
- 1,264 facilities classified as "area" sources, most of which are dry cleaners. Florida is one of just a few states in the nation that has developed and implemented a Title V permitting program for these smaller sources.

Florida has also made more case-by-case determinations of Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) for hazardous air pollutants than all the other states combined.

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