

Regulatory Research Presentation and Paper **ES 61A – Environmental Protection and Pollution Prevention**

The student regulatory research discussion and paper involves two parts: (1) Research discussion, and (2) Research paper.

Regulatory Agency Presentation (15% of your grade)

The regulatory agency presentation requires that you and your team discuss various aspects of a state or local research agency. The teams will be assigned by the instructors by the second week of the course. You will present this discussion on the week assigned. See the assignment schedule for a complete list of agencies and dates.

If you discuss an agency, areas that may be covered for the research discussion include: agency history, mission, organization or structure, program descriptions implemented by the agency, job descriptions, and current issues that the agencies are facing. The web sites of the various agencies are quite good and offer most this information. For current issues, you will likely need to look to other sources, such as newspapers, journals, etc. See the instructors if you need help finding this type of information.

This assignment is a cooperative one. You will present the results of your research and we will be there to expand and add additional detail and analysis.

Regulatory Agency Research Paper (15% of your grade)

You are required to complete a 6 to 8 page paper (body length) presenting the findings of your research on the regulatory agency you were assigned. The paper must be typed, double-spaced, and in 12-point font. **Do not use a title page, use both sides of the paper, and do not bind the paper with plastic, etc.**

The regulatory agency will be assigned to you by the second week of class. This will be the same regulatory agency that you were required to discuss in class (see above). The paper will cover the same topics that you included in your discussion above, but will include additional detail. The paper is due on March 18th.

Citations are Necessary, Required, and Expected: Be sure to either cite your sources either embedded in the text of the paper, on the bottom of the page, or on the final page. If you chose to place all citations on the on the bottom of the pages or on the final page, you must use a numbering system within the paper after each cited reference. Your citations can be brief and informal, such as: (Lee, Christopher; *Court Halts Changes to the Clean Air Act*, San Francisco Chronicle, 12/25/03), or (Kubasek, Nancy; *Environmental Law*, Prentice Hall, 5th Ed., 2005). While the citation format is informal, the citations must be consistent throughout the paper. **Do not cite Wikipedia since it is not a valid source.**

If you have any questions about the regulatory research discussion and paper, contact the instructors. We are available to help you with paper ideas, sources, formatting, and any other issues that you may encounter.