
NAS NORTH ISLAND - NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST NAVY ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

REGULATION UPDATES ON CD-ROM

LEAD ACTIVITY

Naval Air Station (NAS) North Island

STATUS

Active

MISSION

Provide federal and state environmental statutes and regulations to Navy personnel

REQUIREMENT

Environmental regulations can be extremely complex and are changing constantly, yet environmental personnel are required to keep up to date on appropriate regulations. A system is required by Navy personnel that will allow them to access environmental information easily and accurately.

DESCRIPTION

The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. (BNA, Inc.) is a leading publisher of print and electronic news and information, reporting on developments in environmental protection, safety, and other public policy and regulatory issues. BNA Software, a subsidiary of BNA, Inc., has developed a software package that includes over one million pages of federal and state environmental statutes and regulations, and federal policy documents. All information is logically organized and intelligently linked. The basics as well as hard-to-find materials are easily available, including proposed regulations, preambles, and legislative and regulatory histories. The system also includes summaries of state regulatory activities and is the most comprehensive on the market. BNA, Inc. also offers an encyclopedia collection of primary source materials in full text. The binders offer unrivaled coverage of current environmental legislation, regulations, standards, policy, enforcement and litigation. The binders are also available as part of BNA's Environment Library on CD.

Initially NAS North Island had a single user subscription for the federal environmental regulations (Code of Federal Regulations Title 40) and the California state regulations. The single user license is planned for upgrade to an unlimited network license in March 1999. The BNA, Inc. CD-ROM regulations are planned for installation on a networked CD-ROM tower for access by the Navy Region Southwest Environmental Department. In April 1999 other CD-ROM regulation services will be evaluated for possible regional use.

BENEFITS

- Personnel are notified every month of new and amended material, with direct links to the text of those changes
- All information is cross referenced, allowing personnel to toggle instantly between state regulations and federal regulations and easily navigate among infobases and documents
- Editor's notes within the text provide critical supplementary information
- Helpful extras such as directories, lists of chemicals, and test methods are included

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/CURRENT STATUS

| Date | Activity |
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| JAN 1997 | CD-ROM regulation updates received |
| MAR 1999 | Upgrade single user license to unlimited network license; install BNA, Inc.'s CD-ROM regulations on networked CD-ROM tower |

FUTURE PLAN OF ACTION & MILESTONES

| Date | Activity |
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| Ongoing | Evaluate other regulation update services for possible regional use |

COLLABORATION/TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

The unlimited network license will allow expanded use to all environmental personnel within the new regional organization. Any environmental organization can obtain these regulation updates through purchase of these products. Regulations on-line can also be accessed by authorized DoD users of the Defense Environmental Network and Information Exchange (DENIX) Web Site.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. 1998 product catalog.

RELATED GOVERNMENT INTERNET SITES

[DENIX](#)

RELATED NAVY GUIDEBOOK REQUIREMENTS

- 00999 General Program Support

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