

**01 NCAC 05B .1605 COMPLIANCE REVIEWS**

(a) The Division of Purchase and Contract shall conduct compliance reviews on purchasing practices at all agencies. The purpose of the compliance review shall be for determining if an agency is complying with North Carolina's purchasing statutes and rules adopted thereunder, and whether it should continue having the same level of delegation, have it reduced, or if it qualifies for an increase. A copy of the compliance report shall be provided to the agency's executive officer, the State Auditor, the State Budget Officer, the local school administrative unit's Board, any of which are applicable.

(b) The Division's staff may enter the premises and obtain an agency's purchasing records for the purpose of the compliance review. The agency shall cooperate with the Division's staff, providing them with requested records, adequate office space for conducting the review, and agency purchasing staff for discussion of purchase transactions. The Division shall not unnecessarily require of the agency any more than is needed to complete the review.

(c) The SPO may lower, or raise if requested, an agency's (excluding the universities) general delegation, if the results of a compliance review by the compliance staff of the Division merit such action as determined by the SPO. The SPO may lower the delegation to any level, including the complete removal of the delegation, depending on the nature of any violations found. The SPO shall report to the University's Board of Governors the results of any compliance review conducted at any of the universities, and shall provide to them the SPO's recommendation, based on those results, on what that university's benchmark should be.

(d) The SPO shall provide to each agency, upon request, the Division's assistance in educational training for the agency's staff, to better acquaint them with the purchasing statutes and rules.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 143-53;  
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