

National Construction Safety Team Act

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- Funding/Annual Operating Costs
- Implementing Procedures
- Training
- Involvement of Other Organizations

Funding/Annual Operating Costs

- Select/Hire Staff
- Equipment (identification, credentials, communication, documentation of findings, safety)
- Training
- Involvement of Other Organizations
- Internal Operating Procedures
- Support of NCST Advisory Committee

Implementing Procedures

Interim Final Rule in Federal Register January 30, 2003

- Covers collection, preservation, and protection of evidence collected and information created
- Comment period closed March 3, 2003
- Two comments received
- Final Rule to be published shortly

Proposed Rule to be Published Shortly

- Covers other implementing procedures

Interim Final Rule

Collection of Evidence

- Public voluntarily provide
- Written requests; if necessary, negotiations by Lead Investigator
- Subpoena under the signature of Director
- NIST may hold public hearing

Entry and Inspection

- Permission granted voluntarily
- Written permission requested; if necessary, negotiations by Lead Investigator
- Written notice of inspection authority by the Director
- Director seeks assistance from Justice, if necessary for enforcement

Interim Final Rule (continued)

Information Created

- May not be used as evidence in any suit or action for damages

Protection of Information

- Evidence collected and information created will not be released until the final report is issued
- Voluntarily-provided safety information will not be released if that would inhibit the voluntary provision
- Information will not be released that might jeopardize public safety

Proposed Rule: Issues to be Addressed

- ❑ Initial reconnaissance by NIST Staff
- ❑ Criteria for establishing a Team
- ❑ Size and composition of a Team
- ❑ Typical tasks in an investigation

Training

NIST staff member attended NTSB Academy Course on Aircraft Accident Investigations

- Preparation of investigation Teams
- On-scene procedures
- Participation by other parties
- Post on-scene procedures
- Responsibility to families of accident victims
- Role of NTSB Board
- Role of Office of Public Affairs
- Safety at an accident site
- Research and engineering functions in support of investigation

Training (continued)

NTSB Academy Instructor provided one-day class to 30 NIST staff

- ❑ Interviewing techniques
- ❑ Dealing with people experiencing psychological trauma

Other training is being pursued

- ❑ Investigative techniques used by ATF and EERI
- ❑ Search and rescue training by FEMA

Involvement of Other Organizations

- MOUs will be established with ATF, FIMA, USFA, USGS, NSF, OSHA, NIOSH, EPA, NOAA, CDC, and numerous private sector organizations