



**Angelo State University**  
**Operating Policy and Procedure**

**OP 40.04: Regulatory Compliance**

**DATE:** April 18, 2012

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Operating Policy/Procedure (OP) is to establish a standard policy concerning different federal, state, and local policies concerning regulations and codes.

**REVIEW:** This Operating Policy (OP) will be reviewed in April of even numbered years by the director of facilities planning and construction with recommended revisions forwarded through the vice president of finance and administration to the president by May 15 of the same year.

**POLICY/PROCEDURE**

**Regulatory Compliance**

a. ADA/TAS

The university strives to provide facilities that are in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and the Texas Accessibility Standards (ADA/TAS). All new projects are subjected to plan reviews with modifications implemented to comply with all applicable regulations. Existing facilities are gradually being modified, as funding permits, to bring all facilities up to current accessibility standards.

b. Fire Marshall

The State of Texas Fire Marshal is the governing authority with regard to fire codes on the university campus. The campus is inspected at least once a year by the Fire Marshal and steps are taken to comply with any recommendations as a result of the inspection. Facilities Management is responsible for the installation and maintenance of all fire alarm systems, fire sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, and stand pipe systems. All of the systems are tied to the Energy Management System (EMS) with alarm notifications being sent to the University Police Department and to Facilities Management. All fire safety systems are inspected on an annual basis.

c. Building/Zoning Codes

The university campus is exempt from compliance with any local building or zoning codes. It is the intent, however, to work with the local authorities with regard to zoning and compliance with all local laws. The university complies with the International Building Code on all new construction implemented on the campus. The intent of the University is to build all structures in compliance with the latest version of the International Building Code.

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d. Coordinating Board

Facilities Planning and Construction (FP&C) is responsible for the timely reporting of facility improvements, construction and facility use to the Coordinating Board on an annual basis. FP&C conducts audits of all university space on an annual basis and makes recommendations regarding use of space with regard to the Coordinating Board requirements. All construction and renovation to the university's facilities requires Coordinating Board approval.

e. TCEQ/Environmental Protection Agency

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is the governing authority for the university with regard to EPA compliance. FP&C reports any major ground water changes to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at the beginning of any new project. FP&C works with the TCEQ on a continual basis with regard to compliance of back flow prevention, water well testing, surface water removal, and disposal of any hazardous materials utilized in Facilities Management. It is the intent of the university's FP&C to be environmentally friendly and comply with all regulations from either of these agencies.