How to Survive an Inspection

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Goals

- Coming out ahead
- Minimizing time/energy/headaches
- Minimizing violations/penalties
Preparation

- Anticipate inspection
  - Know the regulations
- Get help
- Be organized
- Good housekeeping
Not good
Inspection

- Turn a negative into a positive

- Do’s and Don’ts
  - Don’t leave inspector waiting
  - Don’t deny entry to the inspector
  - Request identification
  - Attitude
  - Be attentive
Inspection continued

Do’s and Don’t’s

- Problem inspector
- Reliance on experts?
- See report
Violations

- Understand the Notice of Violation (NOV)
- Is the violation correct?
- Keep in contact with the inspector
- Don’t ignore the NOV
- Come into compliance
- Expect follow-up
Penalty

- Send in hearing request
- Ask for settlement meeting
- Bring lawyer?
- Propose settlement
- Steps if no settlement reached

That’s the last time you’ll leave the date off a drum!