

Assessing Your Ethics and Compliance Program:

Getting an updated view, and what culture can tell you

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Key concepts for program assessment

Program objectives



Objectives of an ethics and compliance program

*An ethics and compliance program must be **well-designed**, applied in **good faith**, and **actually implemented** across the organization.*

1

Provide assurance to shareholders and the board of directors that the company complies with its legal obligations

2

Communicate expectations and provide workable solutions for compliance by employees and third parties acting on behalf of the company

3

Provide assurance to employees and third parties that they can raise concerns in a safe environment, and those issues will be resolved timely

4

Foster a culture where acting ethically and in compliance with company values is highly regarded

5

Attract customers, business partners and employees, because the company demonstrates high ethical standards

6

Ensure the company takes a risk-based approach to alignment of resources



Six key questions

Ethics and compliance officers should be able to answer six key questions through their Programs.



What are our most significant ethics and compliance risks?



Who is accountable for managing them?



What are they doing?



Is it working?



How do we know?



Do we have appropriate data and records management practices?



Key concepts for program assessment

Program scope



Compliance risk universe

*Illustrative utility company example

Legal and regulatory requirements		Business requirements
<p>Competitive practices (FTC, DOJ)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Antitrust ▶ Customer, competitor, supplier relations <p>Corporate governance (SEC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Board structure and processes ▶ Audit committee structure and processes ▶ Ethics <p>Employment (EEOC, DOL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Executive compensation ▶ Benefits ▶ Hiring ▶ Employee info privacy ▶ Reductions in force ▶ Whistleblower protection ▶ Harassment prevention ▶ Accommodation (discrimination prevention) ▶ Workplace violence ▶ Global migration (immigration) ▶ Contingent workforce ▶ Labor ▶ Leaves ▶ Employment torts <p>Environmental (EPA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ NEPA ▶ Air quality ▶ Water Quality ▶ Management systems and reporting ▶ Hazardous material management ▶ Laboratory practices ▶ Permit management <p>Financial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ SOX ▶ Tax ▶ Treasury 	<p>Fraud and corruption (DOJ)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) ▶ Insider transactions ▶ Anti-money laundering ▶ Financial statement fraud ▶ Occupational fraud (intellectual property, trade secrets) ▶ Corruption ▶ Revenue and expense recognition <p>Government contracts (DOD, OMB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ US Government contracts ▶ Other jurisdictions (state and country) <p>Information management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Records retention ▶ Freedom of Information ACT (FOIA) ▶ Data and record classification ▶ Information access ▶ Information availability and recovery ▶ Information management monitoring ▶ Information disposition ▶ Litigation discovery rules ▶ Data protection and privacy <p>Intellectual property (DOC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Copyright ▶ Trademark ▶ Trade secret ▶ Patent <p>International dealings/trade (FTC, DOC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Export ▶ Import ▶ Export <p>Workplace health/safety (OSHA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Security and Emergency Response (ESF) ▶ Employers ▶ Contractors <p>Product quality/liability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Quality management system 	<p>Internally focused requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Mission ▶ Values ▶ Code of Conduct ▶ Policies and procedures ▶ Quality management certifications (ISO, Six Sigma) ▶ Crisis preparedness <p>Externally focused requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Corporate social responsibility ▶ Sustainability ▶ Public commitments ▶ Contractual obligations ▶ Vendor management ▶ Exchange listings <p>Voluntary standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ US Federal Sentencing Guidelines ▶ Industry codes ▶ Trade associations <p>Emerging issues</p> <p><i>Aside from mandatory requirements, organizations make choices regarding their brand, their values and the commitments they make to customers, business partners, employees and other stakeholders. Although voluntary, consequences for non-compliance could be more serious than non-compliance with mandatory requirements.</i></p>

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Why is Program scope so important?

- ▶ U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, SEC, DOJ, and FERC set forth key elements of an effective compliance program; view is broad
- ▶ Effective, broad-based compliance programs may mitigate criminal penalty
- ▶ Role of Ethics and Compliance department is to provide reasonable assurance core compliance management practices are in place – i.e., provide independent oversight
- ▶ Duke's enterprise compliance program initially identified 21 compliance risk areas, including FERC, NERC, Nuclear, State Regulatory, Aviation, Tax, Anti-corruption, Political Activity, Supply Chain, Labor and Employment, SOX, and Federal and State Contracting
- ▶ Duke's independent monitor has been complimentary of the Company's efforts to break down compliance silos

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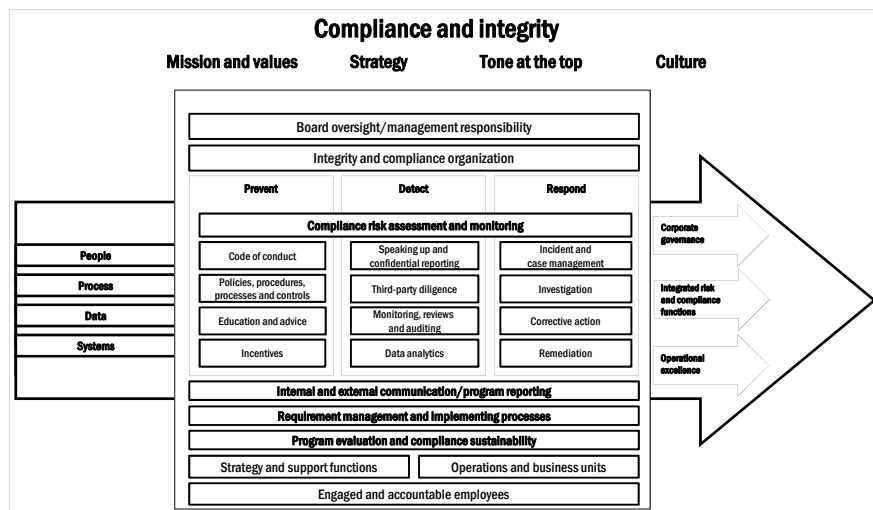
Key concepts for program assessment

Program structure



It is crucial to develop an ethics and compliance framework to ground your Program; that's what you should assess against.

A framework provides a comprehensive view of your Program structure



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Benefits of having a Program framework

A Program framework drives a common view of ethics and compliance across all risk areas. It provides a comprehensive approach for defining accountabilities, core program elements, and key standards.

- ▶ Sets accountability for cross-cutting elements such as compliance risk assessment and Helpline process (response and remediation)
- ▶ Identifies those accountable for compliance programs in key risk areas
- ▶ Establishes universal standards with accountabilities and process steps
- ▶ Provides tools for management reporting and oversight
- ▶ As enforcement guidance evolves, requirements and expectations are incorporated into the framework and standards, and are communicated uniformly to compliance risk areas

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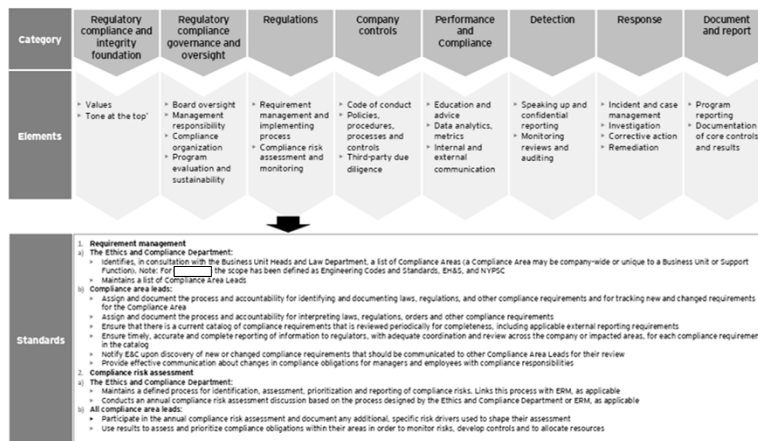
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Framework and standards: Coverage



Framework and standards example

A compliance framework sets accountability for cross-cutting Program elements. In addition, a compliance framework identifies those accountable for managing compliance obligations in core risk areas and operations. This is essential as the compliance group does not manage day-to-day compliance obligations – that work is done in the operating units. A framework would have core categories focused on prevention, detection, and response, underlying elements and related standards (sample standards provided in one area as an example only). **The core elements and standards are developed based on each organization's structure, culture, and underlying decisions regarding program scope and responsibilities.**



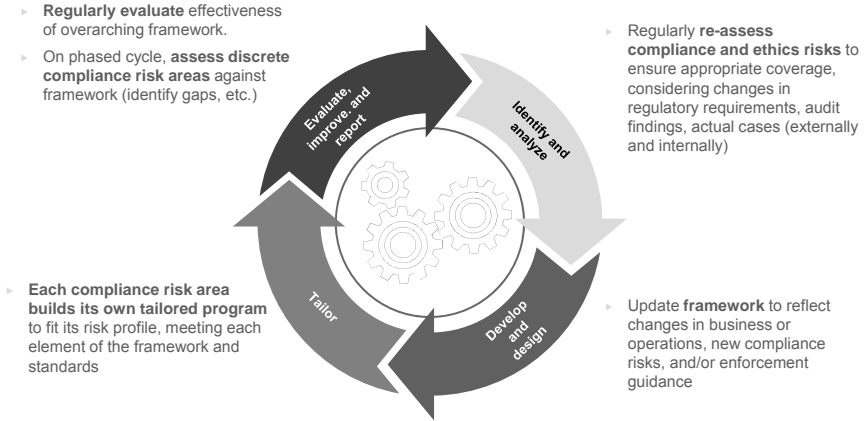
Using your framework for assessments

- ▶ **Assess against your framework**
 - ▶ Keep in mind your framework should be designed to incorporate external guidance (i.e., Federal Sentencing Guidelines and FERC guidance)
- ▶ **Ensure assessment tools are tied to your framework**
- ▶ **Benefits**
 - ▶ Allows for third party and internal assessment of progress against core program elements at the compliance risk level – not just at enterprise level
 - ▶ Utilizes an optional maturity model to facilitate continuous improvement
 - ▶ Provides tools for management reporting and oversight
 - ▶ Assessing against your framework helps ensure that when you design improvement plans, they are tied to the structure you have in place and communicated to all stakeholders

The value of Framework and Assessments It pays to be prepared!

- ▶ Duke has stayed in the driver's seat on the development and implementation of the framework rather than being told by the IM what to do and when
 - ▶ Demonstrates commitment to a compliance culture
- ▶ Improves even the most mature compliance programs and provides a path for less mature programs to evolve
- ▶ Facilitates sharing of best practices and lessons learned among compliance professionals
 - ▶ Created a Compliance Council comprised of the compliance area lead for each identified compliance risk area
 - ▶ Commitment to IM was twice a year meetings but Council members requested quarterly meetings in 2017 based on benefits gained in 2016
- ▶ For the first time, identified in 2016 the top 10 enterprise compliance risks based on a common, repeatable process and developed appropriate mitigation

Program lifecycle



Undertaking a Program assessment



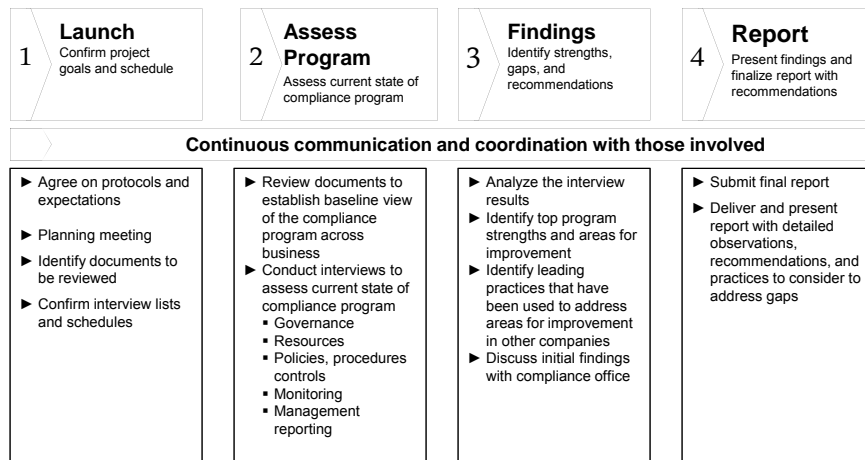
What is the purpose of a Program assessment?

- ▶ Assess the design and operation performance of the ethics and compliance infrastructure – including the compliance function and processes – relative to legal/regulatory requirements and leading practices
- ▶ Help management to identify and prioritize opportunities to enhance culture and infrastructure, including integration, alignment, and coordination across organizational boundaries
- ▶ Establish a baseline for assisting management with ongoing ethics and compliance monitoring and continuous improvement
- ▶ Help management identify opportunities to embed and sustain risk management activities throughout the organization

The following framework elements should be included in an assessment

Ethics and integrity	Oversight	Supporting elements	Prevention	Detection	Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Values ▪ Culture ▪ Tone at the top 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Board oversight ▪ Management responsibility ▪ Compliance organization and structure ▪ Program coordination and integration within the enterprise ▪ Program reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Internal and external communication ▪ Program evaluation and sustainability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of conduct ▪ Compliance risk assessment ▪ Policies, procedures, processes and controls ▪ Education and Training ▪ Incentives ▪ Third-party due diligence ▪ Requirement management and implementing process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Speaking up and confidential reporting ▪ Monitoring, reviews and auditing ▪ Data collection and analytics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Incident and case management ▪ Corrective ▪ Enforcement, remediation and reporting

Foundational approach for Program assessments



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Conducting program assessments internally

- ▶ Create a Compliance Framework Assessment manual and distribute to Compliance Area Leads
- ▶ Important to socialize assessment process with Functional Area Leads (i.e., the business leaders) and gain support
- ▶ Be flexible yet firm
- ▶ Look for best practices, not just gaps
- ▶ In facilitated sessions, include employees from different groups within the compliance area
- ▶ Provide an assessment report to the Compliance and Functional Area Leads and secure commitments to close identified gaps

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Examples of common gaps identified in ethics and compliance program assessments



- ▶ Incomplete reporting to the board and senior leadership
- ▶ Lack of consistent ethics and compliance risk assessment process
- ▶ Absence or immaturity of consistent investigation protocols for all of the various parties conducting investigations
- ▶ Policy management is deficient (e.g., minimum review cycle, tracking reviews, and ensuring policies do not conflict)
- ▶ Unclear roles and responsibilities particularly regarding compliance requirement intake
- ▶ Lack of documented compliance processes

Culture considerations as part of your assessment

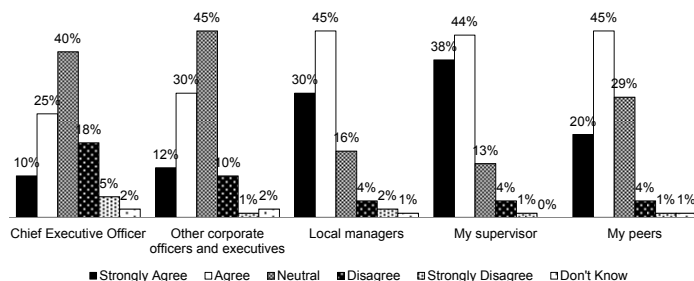


Consideration of culture within compliance program assessment

- ▶ Culture is often evaluated by engagement surveys and related to the Human Resources function
- ▶ Culture affects compliance program elements and should be considered as part of compliance risk assessments in conjunction with other procedures.
 - ▶ Tailored questions to specific compliance risks
- ▶ Surveys on culture can be developed to provide additional insight into program elements across locations, departments and employment levels

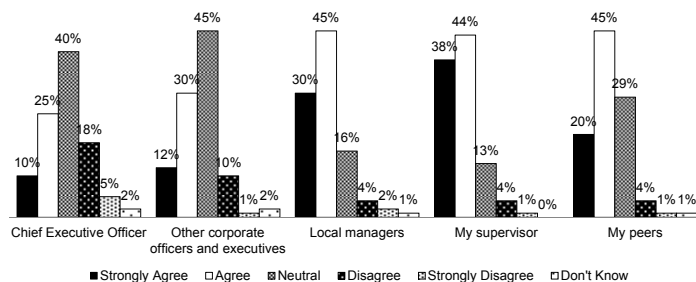
Hypothetical – Program communications

- ▶ To assess leadership and “tone-at-the-top”, program assessments consider communication from management. Let’s say a traditional assessment shows that employee communications (e.g., newsletters) are regularly distributed with heavy messaging from the CEO and other executives. Those observations would likely result in a high score for that area.
- ▶ However, program assessments should also consider how the communication is perceived by employees within the company, e.g., via survey:
- ▶ Example: *“I regularly trust the information provided to me by:”*



Hypothetical – Program communications (cont'd.)

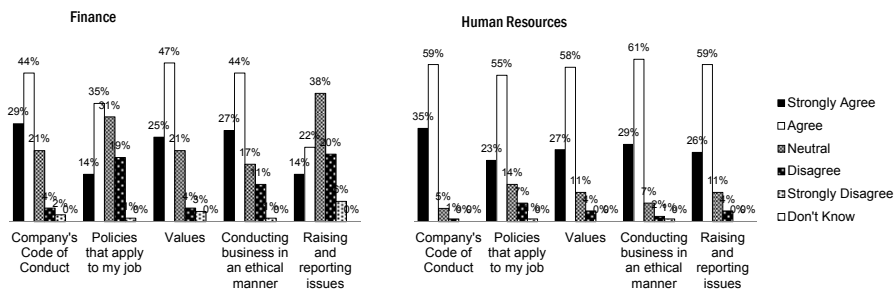
► Example: *“I regularly trust the information provided to me by:”*



- It looks like messaging would be most effective coming from local managers or supervisors. So, although some messaging should still come from executives, the company should consider distributing other key messaging through local managers or supervisors.
- Given the level of neutral-to-disagree responses regarding messaging coming from executives including the CEO, the ethics and compliance office should partner with key stakeholders to address that finding.

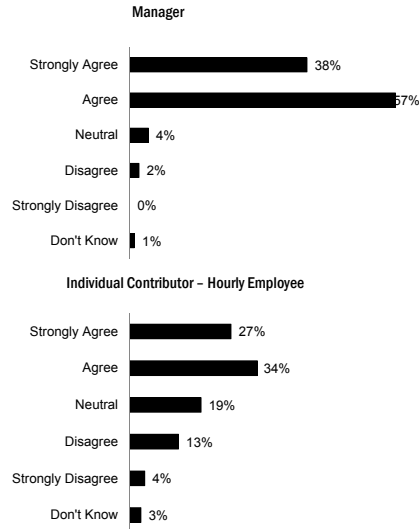
Hypothetical – Program training

- Program assessments include a review of training materials and the process of updating for new policies or regulations. A typical assessment would include review of these materials. If they all appear to be in place and updated, it might seem as if this element is well-established.
- However, are there could be high risk components of the training program that require additional focus or attention. E.g., is ample training provided across all departments?
- Example: *“In the past two years, I have received sufficient and useful training that covers and includes...”*



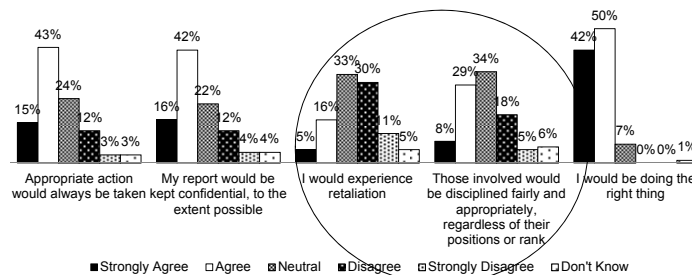
Hypothetical – Policies

- ▶ A program assessment might identify that a Company provides regularly updates policies and procedures.
- ▶ **However, are the policies and procedures understood?**
 - ▶ **Across all levels?**
- ▶ Example: *“I have received clear information or guidance from the company regarding what to do when faced with a conflict of interest.”*
- ▶ The survey results here show that the company should consider enhancing the way conflict of interest policies/training are provided to individual contributors.



Hypothetical – Accountability

- ▶ Even if a company provides adequate training and employees are aware of the proper process for reporting, compliance programs cannot be effective if employees do not believe violators of policy will be held accountable and/or they will experience retaliation.
- ▶ Example: *“If I reported a violation to management, I believe:”*



Getting senior leadership to understand that compliance and ethics don't "just happen"

- ▶ May find gaps between executive expectations and employee understanding or perceptions
- ▶ Creating a culture of compliance is a relentless job and it starts at the top
 - ▶ Have a communication plan
 - ▶ Make leadership messaging easy

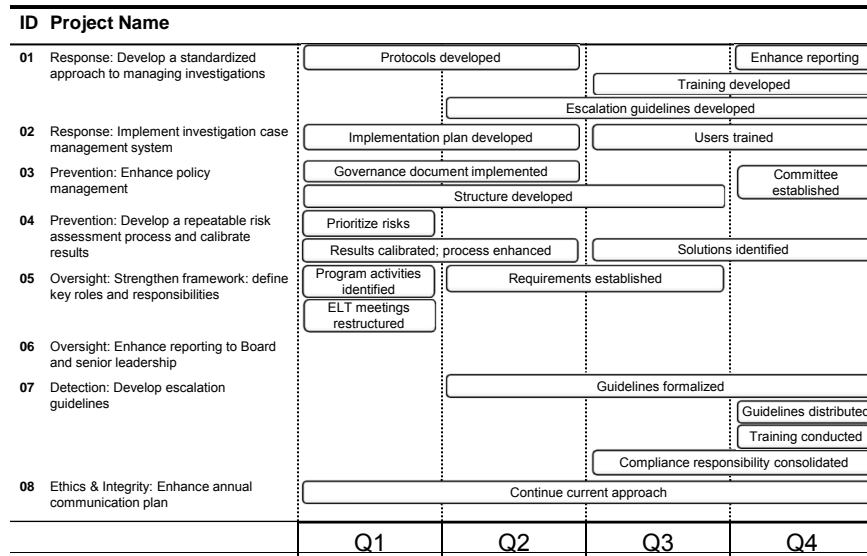
Now what? What to do with assessment results



Close gaps: develop improvement plans

- ▶ Create a roadmap for prioritized improvement opportunities
- ▶ Work with compliance area leads and/or risk owners to develop improvement plans
- ▶ Monitor improvement on a consistent basis
- ▶ Share lessons learned

Example roadmap (Program)



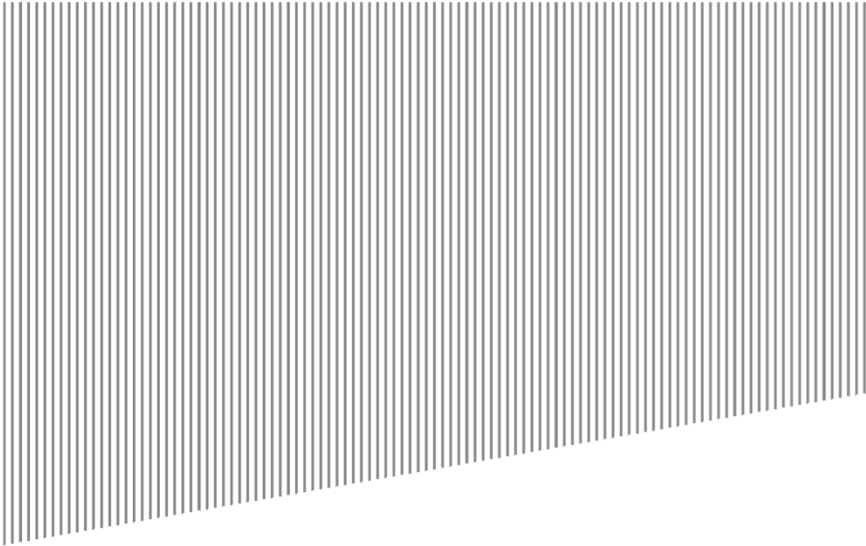
Escalating issues of non-compliance or unethical behavior

- ▶ Develop clear guidelines for escalating and remediating compliance issues (to the Compliance Office/Department) as they arise
 - ▶ Clear reporting thresholds consistently applied across the enterprise
- ▶ Communicate guidelines and train on them, as appropriate (e.g., build into Code of Business Conduct training)
- ▶ Consolidate responsibility for monitoring compliance issues with Compliance Office/Department to allow greater enterprise coordination, sharing of lessons learned and consistency in resolving issues.

Duke's Escalation Procedures

- ▶ Important to determine what level of corporate oversight is appropriate
- ▶ Mandatory notification to the Ethics and Compliance Department required for “severe” or “critical” events or conditions, e.g.:
 - ▶ Moderate or large financial consequences to a business area over a short timeframe and/or regulator fines that appear to be increasing or would be considered high for the regulator
 - ▶ Prolonged or long-term loss of confidence by multiple stakeholder groups and/or ongoing/regular negative media exposure
 - ▶ Agency action(s) that result in substantial or severe impacts or limits on operations
 - ▶ Many customers are affected and/or there is a large or critical impact to internal business operations
 - ▶ Involvement of a member of the Executive Leadership Team in an alleged CoBE violation

Q&A / Closing



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