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Environmental Management System



Part of the **Environmental Stewardship Initiative**: a voluntary program that utilizes existing Department infrastructure and personnel to capture information during routine enforcement inspections and recognize members of the regulated community who are engaging in positive activities that benefit the environment.

Qualifying for Environmental Management System Stewardship Recognition

To receive stewardship recognition for an **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** (EMS), a company must develop and implement an EMS, which typically will include a set of processes and practices that enables the organization to reduce its environmental impacts and increase its operating efficiency. An organization with a properly executed EMS will have a comprehensive and written Environmental Policy and will regularly evaluate (at least on a yearly basis) its environmental performance.



Establishing an ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

*Both private and public organizations can benefit from an effective EMS.

*Existing tutorials and protocol are available to help your organization develop an EMS.



*An EMS is a commitment to continued improvement beyond regulatory requirement.

*An EMS is a valuable tool for organizations of all sizes (small to large).

An **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** can help a company to:

- ⇒ Improve its compliance with external regulations
- ⇒ Reduce operation costs and improve operating efficiency
- ⇒ Reduce environmental impact, unnecessary waste, and pollution
- ⇒ Develop a competitive advantage
- ⇒ Increase customer trust and satisfaction

Creating and Implementing an EMS—General Steps:

1. Prepare to develop an EMS carefully — identify goals, contact industry peers, seek advice from a consultant, review an existing EMS.
2. Secure the commitment and dedication of upper-level management.
3. Bring together a team of representatives from relevant sectors of the organization to analyze operations, environmental impacts, and areas of potential improvement.
4. Create a plan of action, budget, and timeline; draft or revise an Environmental Policy
5. Implement EMS—communicate goals and procedure; enact and enforce new protocol.
6. Review progress and determine necessary EMS corrections or revisions.

For more information on **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS:**

EPA — An Implementation Guide for Small & Medium Organizations

<http://www.epa.gov/OW-OWM.html/iso14001/ems2001final.pdf>

EPA — Integrated Environmental Management Systems

<http://www.epa.gov/dfeprojects/iems/>

International Organization for Standardization — Environmental Management Systems

<http://www.iso.org/iso/home.htm>