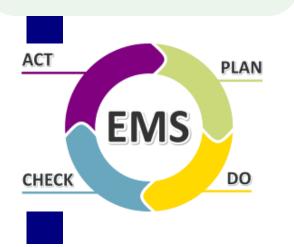
Environmental Management System

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).



CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

An ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM can help a company to:

- \Rightarrow Improve its compliance with external regulations
- \Rightarrow Reduce operation costs and improve operating efficiency
- \Rightarrow Reduce environmental impact, unnecessary waste, and pollution
- \Rightarrow 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

EPA — 7 FAQs About Environmental Management Systems

https://www.epa.gov/ems/frequentquestions-about-environmentalmanagment-systems

EPA — Integrated Environmental Management Systems

https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice/ integrated-environmental-managementsystems-iems-implementation-guide

International Organization for Standardization — Environmental Management Systems

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

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