

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:

- ⇒ 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**

EPA — 7 FAQs About Environmental Management Systems

<https://www.epa.gov/ems/frequent-questions-about-environmental-management-systems>

EPA — Integrated Environmental Management Systems

<https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice/integrated-environmental-management-systems-iems-implementation-guide>

International Organization for Standardization — Environmental Management Systems

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

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