

EMS

Benefits

- Improvements in overall environmental awareness, performance and compliance
- Increased efficiency, predictability and consistency in managing environmental obligations
- More effective targeting of environmental management resources (ex. training funds)
- Improved retention of institutional knowledge

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For more information on the Water Utility EMS, contact the Environmental Management Representative at (850) 891-1200.



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Environmental Management Systems at the City of Tallahassee Water Utility

An established way to manage Utility operations to reduce environmental effects



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The City is committed to the "Go Green Tallahassee" initiative and EMS, programs that demonstrate the role we can all play in protecting our natural environment.

What is an EMS?

- The EMS program is a way to determine how operations affect the environment, and prioritize improvements.
- It is also:
 - ◊ proactive
 - ◊ internationally recognized
 - ◊ structured
 - ◊ systematic
 - ◊ flexible
 - ◊ dynamic
 - ◊ continual
 - ◊ innovative
 - ◊ far-reaching
 - ◊ effective
- And most importantly, it is a way for the City to ensure environmental protection and the highest of industry standards.

Contractor Responsibilities

- Contractors and staff who use City facilities must
 - ◊ maintain current required licenses or certifications
 - ◊ comply with all applicable regulations and contract requirements
 - ◊ adhere to City policies including the Water Utility Environmental Policy Statement
- Contractor activities may accidentally cause environmental harm. Contractors are responsible for notifying the Water Utility site liaison (project manager or inspector, for example) if an accident occurs. For a true emergency, call 911.
- Continued contracts and privileges are based on conformance with requirements and may be reviewed in cases of nonconformance.

International Certification

- The Water Utility seeks certification for the Environmental Management Systems it develops.
- ISO – the International Organization for Standardization – is the institution that issues the standard for Environmental Management Systems, ISO 14001:2004.
- ISO is a network of national standards institutes from 146 countries, working in partnership with international organizations, governments, industry, business and consumer representatives.
- An independent auditing body certifies that the Utility's EMS programs meet the international standard.

