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Jack Boller, State Innovation Grant Coordinator
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RE: Washington State Innovations Grant – FY2012 3rd Quarter Report

Dear Jack:

Attached is the FY2012 progress report for the FY07-2011 Sustainable Washington State Innovation Grant Project for the period from April 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012. During this period we have been completed the final draft of the agency's sustainability report and briefed executive management in June 2012. We are working with several national organizations to conduct Environmental Management Systems (EMS) training base on the results of a survey to our state pollution prevention planners.

Environmental Management Systems Training

Ecology is contracting with several EMS providers to develop web-based training materials by September 30, 2012 to meet the grant deliverables. Ecology is contracting the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable, Stewardship Action Council, the Auditing Roundtable, and Elizabeth Grossman to develop the training curriculum. Each organization is handling a portion of the training curriculum.

Agency Sustainability Report - Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)

Ecology has made considerable progress on the GRI reporting and is expected to complete the self-evaluation by September 2012. We are currently briefing executive management about the project to educate the agency on the value of GRI and lessons learned.

Sincerely,

Ken Zarker, Manager
Pollution Prevention and Regulatory Assistance Section

cc: Gerald Filbin, EPA HQ Office of Strategic Environmental Management

Attachments