

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

1. Does your company/organization currently have an environmental management system?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		68.1%	62
No		31.9%	29
answered question			91
skipped question			1







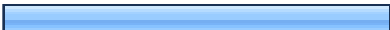
2. Are you aware of Ecology’s EMS Alternative for Pollution Prevention Planning? This alternative allows a company/organization to use an existing EMS to satisfy the requirements for pollution prevention planning.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		40.2%	37
No		59.8%	55
answered question			92
skipped question			0



3. Would you have an interest in attending a series of free web-based EMS training hosted by Ecology? Most webinars run 60-90 minutes.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		81.5%	75
No		18.5%	17
answered question			92
skipped question			0

4. What webinar topics would interest you? Please check up to five areas of interest.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Environmental policy - Develop a statement of your organization's commitment to the environment. Use this policy as a framework for planning and action.		36.8%	28
Environmental aspects - Identify environmental attributes of your products, activities, and services. Determine those that could have significant impacts on the environment.		61.8%	47
Objectives and targets - Establish environmental goals for your organization, in line with your policy, environmental impacts, the views of interested parties, and other factors.		68.4%	52
Communication - Establish processes for internal and external communications on environmental management issues.		61.8%	47
Monitoring and measurement - Monitor key activities and track performance. Conduct periodic assessments of compliance with legal requirements.		88.2%	67
EMS audits - Periodically verify that your EMS is operating as intended.		64.5%	49
Management review techniques - Periodically review your EMS with an eye to continual improvement.		57.9%	44
		Other	8
answered question			76
skipped question			16

5. Are you interested in learning about sustainability reporting such as the [Global Reporting Initiative?](#)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		51.6%	47
No		48.4%	44
answered question			91
skipped question			1

6. Additional comments.

	Response Count
	10
answered question	10
skipped question	82

Q4. What webinar topics would interest you? Please check up to five areas of interest.

1	How to better satisfy the PPP rule with an EMS.	Jul 3, 2012 3:54 PM
2	Environmental compliance	Jun 27, 2012 2:52 PM
3	Structure/Documentation of an EMS: how to capture an EMS on paper so auditors and employees can understand the EMS.	Jun 27, 2012 6:29 AM
4	I would prefer a class as opposed to a webinar.	Jun 26, 2012 10:25 AM
5	Would like to know more about Ecology's EMS plan and if it is applicable to all generators instead of P2 Plan.	Jun 25, 2012 6:26 PM
6	Pollution Prevention ideas for plants with minimal pollution.	Jun 25, 2012 4:19 PM
7	I have recieved significant training on each of these subjects through outside bodies in association with ISO certified program developement	Jun 25, 2012 3:57 PM
8	Any information specific to environmental aspects in manufacturing would be helpful. I would like to see information regarding waste disposal and 'green' supplies and products that can stand up to the manufacturing processes.	Jun 25, 2012 3:56 PM

Q6. Additional comments.

1	EMS systems are a double edged sword where IT problems and poorly written software cause as many or more problems than the programs provide benefits. They also become expensive as the providers change programs and update.	Jul 16, 2012 7:20 AM
2	I would like to see some free training tools for plant employees that are either web-based or available on DVD. To cover the various programs that apply to most facilities, such as Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste Recycling, SPCC, RMP, Universal Waste, Stormwater, etc. These are sorely needed and US EPA has done nothing to offer this sort of material, like DOT and OSHA have. Those agencies have free training tools and since EPA has dropped the ball I hope someone will pick it up and run with it to make these tools available. Aftermarket DVD's are expensive and quickly outdated, sometimes in less than a year. RMP DVD's are next to impossible to find. Not that I rely on them exclusively but they set the stage for the specifics training that follows.	Jul 5, 2012 5:07 AM
3	My estimation is that the PPP rule has outlived its relevance. What can be done to show the ongoing effectiveness of the state's PP Plans? If we can not show effectiveness I assert it is time to scrap the PP program.	Jul 3, 2012 3:54 PM
4	I am familiar with GRI and think the City of Seattle and State should support it. However, our business lines do not warrant this level of oversight.	Jun 27, 2012 8:37 AM
5	Not interested in politically correct enviro hype - just how to create an EMS and keep it working.	Jun 27, 2012 6:29 AM
6	Would like to see a annual report template or example for those who use the EMS as an Alternative to P2 Plan and report to Ecology.	Jun 26, 2012 2:46 PM
7	Have used the EMS alternative for several years.	Jun 26, 2012 11:36 AM
8	Appreciate the thought, however, the complexity of requirements and software associated with our business is well beyond what a general state based program could handle.	Jun 26, 2012 7:19 AM
9	Implementation of ISO 14001 based EMS use in lieu of a Pollution Prevention plan should be encouraged by better aligning the requirements already called out in the ISO 14001 standard and what is required in the annual plan report such that no additional work (plans, data gathering, reporting) should be required beyond what the management system is already requiring.	Jun 25, 2012 3:57 PM
10	We have an health safety environmental managment system that is a plan do check and continuous improvement.	Jun 25, 2012 3:48 PM