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**Washington State Department of Ecology
Sustainable Washington
State Innovations Grant Project**

FY2012 3rd Quarter Report

This progress report covers the period from April, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Synopsis of Accomplishments – Ecology has made significant progress on the remaining project deliverables related to: 1) Environmental management systems and 2) Global Reporting Initiative sustainability reporting.

Ecology conducted an EMS Survey to pollution prevention planners to identify training priorities. As a result, Ecology has established contract with the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable, Stewardship Action Council, the Auditing Roundtable and Elizabeth Grossman to develop web-based training materials.

Ecology staff briefed and gained support from Ted Sturdevant, Executive Director on the Global Reporting Initiative. Ted is developing the leadership statement for the agency’s sustainability report. Ecology is planning to publish the final report this Fall.

Summary of Accomplishments

Task 1 Completed – [WA Environmental Results Program](#) (see Ecology website for details)

Task 2

2.7	Update the Ecology EMS Alternative for Pollution Prevention Planners Ecology staff propose the following web-based training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EMS 101 (introduction to EMS) - EMS Measurement & Communications - EMS Auditing - EMS & Toxics (reducing PCBs in Products) 	Ecology established “letters of agreement” to contract with several organizations to develop web-based EMS training. We will be marketing the training event to the 500+ WA state pollution prevention planners.	Ecology completed the survey pollution prevention planners to gage interest for a webinar series on EMS implementation.
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<p>2.8</p>	<p>Update Ecology’s Sustainability Report Support to meet GRI Standards – Ecology will purchase XBRL software to use GRI taxonomy to tag GRI report(s) and perform other XBRL operations.</p> <p>Ecology staff propose the following:</p> <p>Detailed comparison of Ecology plan and GRI Guidelines.</p> <p>Index Ecology plan to GRI’s G3 standard.</p> <p>Create an Ecology GRI report based upon Ecology’s plan to achieve “Application Level B” status.</p> <p>Conversion of new Ecology GRI report to XBRL tagged version.</p> <p>Create a web version of Ecology’s GRI report.</p> <p>Write a brief project report including findings & recommendations.</p> <p>Publish results on a web page of our existing plan at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability/ecoaction.html)</p>	<p>Ongoing activity. Ecology has completed the agency’s sustainability plan.</p> <p>We will be working toward the GRI level C or B status.</p> <p>It is not clear if Ecology will purchase the software, since XBRL continues to evolve as the standard.</p> <p>Ecology has assigned this task to Linda Glasier at Ecology HQ to assist with the completion of the project.</p>	<p>Staff briefing for executive management in June 2012. Staff is updating the data to be completed by September 30, 2012. Staff is developing a web-based GRI report with our agency communications group.</p>
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Part 4 – Financial Report

Ecology has established contracts for approximately \$17,000 to for the EMS training deliverables. This is the final expenditure for the grant.

Department of Ecology's Environmental Management Systems 2012 Webinar Series – DRAFT SUMMARY

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), in partnership with the Association of Washington Business (?), the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (NPPR), Stewardship Action Council (SAC), and The Auditing Roundtable (AR) will be hosting a new webinar series designed to help in the development, use and evaluation of Environmental Management Systems (EMS).

We encourage businesses that are new to EMS implementation to join in the series as well as more experienced professionals to learn best practices and lessons learned. Ecology will encourage pollution prevention planners to voluntarily pledge to start an EMS or enhance an existing EMS program.

Businesses can use this opportunity to initiate the development of an EMS that meets Ecology's and other states' criteria to use an EMS in lieu of traditional pollution prevention plan.

The webinar series will begin in September 2012 and should be completed by April 2013.

Participants will receive a certificate of completion for those that attend the webinar series

- Introduction to EMS – National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (September 24-25,2012)
 - Day 1 (60-90 minutes)
 - Why EMS?
 - Environmental policy
 - Environmental aspects
 - Day 2 (60-90 minutes)
 - Objectives & targets
 - Ecology's EMS Guidance Criteria
 - Making the EMS pledge (try to get commitments to start or enhance an existing EMS?)
- (Proposed) EMS Implementation Case Studies – Stewardship Action Council (November – December 2012)
 - Monitoring & Measurement
 - Communications & Engagement
 - Ecology EMS Guidance
- (Proposed) EMS Basic Auditing Training – The Auditing Roundtable (February – April 2012)
 - EMS auditing techniques
 - Management
 - Ecology EMS Guidance

Links to WA EMS Guidance Documents:

Focus Sheet - <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/971255hwtr.pdf>

Guidance - <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/97401.pdf>