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

FY2012 End-of-Year Report

This progress report covers the period from July 1, 2012 – September 30, 2012.

Synopsis of Accomplishments – Ecology has completed the deliverables related to the 1) Environmental management systems training and 2) Global Reporting Initiative sustainability reporting.

Ecology established a partnership with the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable, Stewardship Action Council and the Auditing Roundtable to develop a six part EMS series for WA State pollution prevention planners. Ecology also contracted with Elizabeth Grossman to research concerns related to PCBs in Ink/Dyes and opportunities to use an EMS to drive better environmental outcomes.

Ecology staff completed the Global Reporting Initiative report. Ecology is developing a report and a website to highlight the results of this effort.

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 partners completed the material for the webinar series by September 30, 2012. The webinar series will run from September 2012 through February 2013.
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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>Ecology has completed the agency’s sustainability plan.</p> <p>We will be working toward the GRI level C or B status.</p> <p>Ecology did not use the XBRL continues to evolve as the standard.</p> <p>Ecology wants to recognize Linda Glasier and Mark Benedict at Ecology for their commitment on this project.</p>	<p>Ecology’s report was released on November 1, 2012.</p>
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Part 4 – Financial Report

Ecology has expended the final balance of approximately \$17,000 that covered the EMS training deliverables. This is the final expenditure for the grant.

Department of Ecology's Environmental Management Systems 2012-2013 Webinar Series – SUMMARY

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), in partnership with, the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (NPPR), Stewardship Action Council (SAC), and The Auditing Roundtable (AR) are 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
- EMS Monitoring & Measurement – Stewardship Action Council
- EMS Communication & Engagement –Stewardship Action Council
- EMS Basic Auditing Training – The Auditing Roundtable (February – April 2012)

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>