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Jack Boller, State Innovation Grant Coordinator
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RE: Washington State Innovations Grant – FY2012 Mid-year Report

Dear Jack:

Attached is the FY2012 progress report for the FY07-2011 Sustainable Washington State Innovation Grant Project for the period from October 1, 2011 – March 30, 2012. This is a combined quarterly report. During this period we have been focused on completing the agency's sustainability report and conducting Environmental Management Systems (EMS) outreach and training.

Environmental Management Systems Training

Ecology issued a request for proposals for training and support services related to the use of Environmental Management Systems (EMS) and received one response from a potential contractor. Due to budget and workload issues, Ecology is reconsidering the EMS training deliverable. Ecology is considering re-structuring the training to conduct a webinar series that would provide desktop training to pollution prevention planning. We will be coordinating with you for feedback on completing the deliverables in a timely and efficient manner.

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