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

**FY2012 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Combined Report**

This progress report covers the period from October 1, 2011 through March 30, 2012.

**Synopsis of Accomplishments** – Ecology continued to focus on the remaining project deliverables related to: 1) Environmental management systems and 2) Global Reporting Initiative sustainability reporting.

Ecology is reconsidering the approach for EMS training due to agency workload issues, reductions in staffing, and a poor response to the agency's request for proposals.

**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 (revised August 2011): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Update Ecology's EMS policy guidance</li><li>- Conduct staff training (1-3 day EMS training)</li><li>- Conduct at least two EMS site visits, as resources allow.</li></ul>	Ecology issued a request for proposals to conduct EMS training, but is reconsidering due to staff workload and reductions. Ecology is considering conducting a webinar series in lieu of a onsite workshop.	Ecology will survey pollution prevention planners to gauge 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 &amp; recommendations.</p> <p>Publish results on a web page of our existing plan at <a href="http://www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability/ecoaction.html">http://www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability/ecoaction.html</a>)</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>Ken Zarker and K Seiler will work with senior management to complete the project by June 30, 2012.</p>	<p>Staff is completed the final draft of the application to meet Level C status. Staff is scheduling briefing for executive management for June 2012.</p>
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**Part 4 – Financial Report**

Ecology has expended a significant portion of the funds. The remaining expenses will be primarily used for the EMS training deliverables.