

# Environmental Management Systems

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# Goal of EMS

Achieve environmental results greater than those achieved through traditional regulatory approaches



# Performance-Based Programs

- Encourage and reward strong and sustained environmental performance improvement
- Foster greater collaboration between environmental regulatory agencies and high-performing companies
- Support the development of cost-effective approaches
- Free up agency compliance resources



# ECOS Report Recommendations

- Support state programs and state efforts to work with Performance Track
- Assure program support from all EPA program offices
- Provide better incentives to participants faster
- Conduct more strategic marketing and education of the program



# State Support of EMS Initiative

- More than 20 states have active state-level performance-based programs
- Additional 5 states are developing programs
- 18 states rank EMS programs among top 10 priorities
- 9 states signed MOUs wth EPA



# EPA's Performance Track Incentives

- Recognition on local and national levels
- Regulatory benefits
- Networking opportunities for exchange of best practices
- Develop a more collaborative relationship with EPA



# EPA's PT Regulatory Incentives

- Low Priority for Routine Inspections
- Extended Hazardous Waste Accumulation Time
- Reduced Reporting Frequency for Minor Air Sources
- More favorable terms for Clean Water State Revolving Fund loans
- Expedited NPDES permit renewal process



# ASTSWMO EMS WHITE PAPER

- State Support of EMS Initiative
- EPA Grant of Regulatory Flexibility to States (e.g. SEPs)
- State and Federal Agreement on Recognition and Protocol on State implementation
- Enforcement of EMS Provisions
- EMS Performance Evaluation
- EPA-Supported Training on Regulatory Integration



# Performance Systems Task Force

HOW CAN STATES TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF COMPANIES  
THAT ARE ENVIRONMENTAL  
LEADERS WITHOUT  
SACRIFICING INTEGRITY OF  
REGULATORY PROGRAMS?



# Performance System TF

- ID what States want in and out of Environmental Leadership programs (e.g. state level incentives)
- How can element 13 be used
- Plug into EPA's rulemaking on PT
- Link to other Subcttes and TF within ASTSWMO



# Performance System TF

## PERFORMANCE SYSTEMS CROSS MEDIA BOUNDARIES

TF NEEDS MEMBERS FROM

- POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAMS
  - PERMITTING, ENFORCEMENT & CLEANUP PROGRAMS
- IN AIR, WATER, SOLID AND  
HAZARDOUS WASTE



# To Join Performance Track Task Force

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