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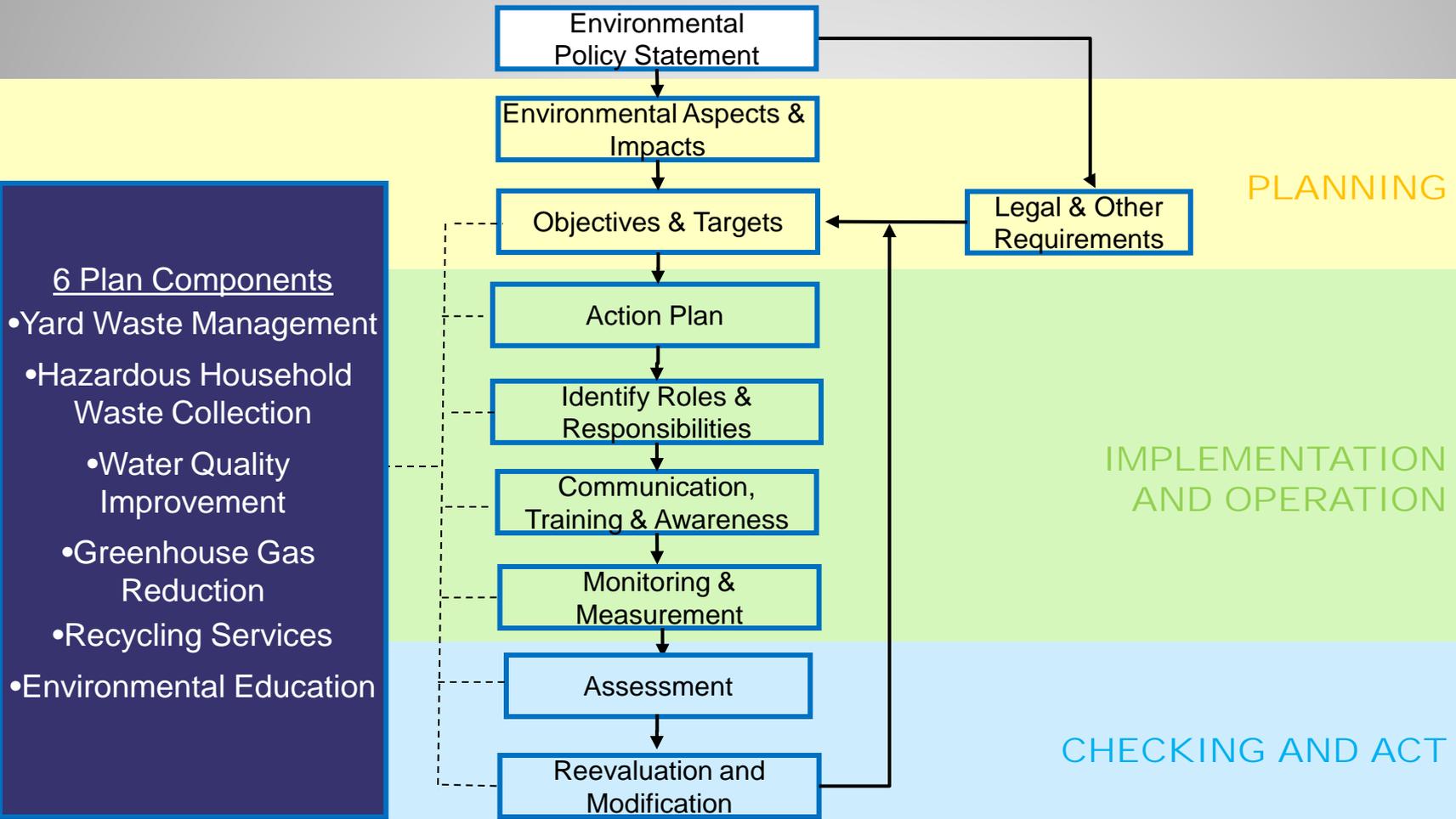


The EMS Environmental Policy Statement



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Iowa EMS Framework (HF 2570)



HF 2570 Essentials

Environmental Policy Statement:

Statement by the organization of its intentions and principles in relation to its overall environmental performance which provides a framework for action and for the setting of its environmental objectives and targets, and its commitment to continual improvement through the EMS.

Environmental Policy

- ① The Environmental Policy is a Statement of Management's Commitment to the Environment
 - It Can be Used to Educate Staff and the Public
- ① The Policy Should be Documented and Approved by the Appropriate Level of Management
- ① Environmental Policies Vary Greatly From Organization to Organization



Things to Consider

- ✓ The Policy Should Express Overarching Management Commitments
- ✓ Set a Policy that Reflects Size and Scope of the Operations
- ✓ Establish a Framework for Action and Setting Objectives and Targets (Environmental Goals and Associated Actions)
- ✓ Must Commit to Continual Improvement
- ✓ Ability to Use the Policy for Communication



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Policy Elements



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The Policy Should Express Management's Overarching Environmental Commitments and Intentions

- Should Reflect Organization and Operational Realities
- Review Existing Management Commitments to the Environment
 - Are There Commitments to Sustainability?
 - Commitment to Environmental Compliance?
 - Others?
- If There are No Existing Documented Commitments
 - Start with Compliance
 - Consider Verbal Directives



Set a Policy that Reflects Size and Scope of the Operations

- Three Pages for 15 Employees is Probably Over Committing
- The Policy Should Be Approved at the Appropriate Management Level
 - Staff Level
 - Director Level
 - City Council



Establish a Framework for Action and Setting Objectives and Targets

- Overall Statement of How Objectives and Targets will be Set and Progress Measured
- Example: “Objectives and Targets Will be Set by Staff and Progress Measured and Reporting Annually”





Commitment to Continual Improvement through the EMS

Simply State:

“Commitment to Continual Improvement using the EMS”

Or Expand...

“We will Continually Improve our Environmental
Performance Through the Use of our EMS by....”

How Are You Going to Use the Policy?

- ⦿ Meet Iowa Requirements!!!
- ⦿ Educate Staff
- ⦿ Educate the Public
- ⦿ Bring Along Naysayers
- ⦿ Organize and Direct Environmental Programs





Example #1

The Organization will implement an Environmental Management System (EMS) to best serve its customers solid waste needs. The Organization is committed to:

- **Improving its environmental performance,**
- **Providing excellent service, and**
- **Following best practices to manage the area's solid waste.**

Example #2

By implementing and maintaining an Environmental Management System we are committed to an ongoing effort of promoting environmental responsibility as an organization as well as emphasizing a heightened environmental awareness to interested parties and stakeholders.

We will demonstrate our commitment to this policy through:

- **Regulatory Compliance – We will meet or exceed applicable regulatory requirements,**
- **Prevention of Pollution – We will identify and prevent or minimize pollution in areas attributed to our operations, wherever feasible, and**
- **Continual Improvement – We will continue to seek out ways to improve our environmental performance using this policy as the basis upon which we set our objectives and targets.**

Metro Waste Authority Environmental Policy

Metro Waste Authority's vision of "No Wasted Resources" elevates environmental protection to one of fundamental importance. Because our employees impact this vision in their daily activities, all are dedicated to carrying out responsibilities for environmental stewardship through:

- Pollution Prevention – We will identify and prevent or minimize pollution in all areas of our operations wherever feasible.
- Regulatory Compliance – We will comply with all relevant environmental legislative, regulatory, permit and other requirements associated with our industry.
- Continual Improvement – We will constantly look for ways to improve our environmental performance using this policy as the basis upon which we set our goals.
- Training – We will provide the tools to create awareness of MWA's environmental impacts, protect health and safety, comply with rules and regulations, and support our environmental objectives.

Metro Waste Authority is dedicated to carrying out our environmental responsibilities in a manner that demonstrates true leadership in integrated solid waste management while continuing to provide the highest level of service.

We will work collaboratively with our customers, suppliers and our communities on environmental issues. We will measure and review our progress annually and periodically report the results to our stakeholders.

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SOLID WASTE COMMISSION

Iowa EMS Pilot Project
Environmental Management System
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Rathbun Area Solid Waste Commission is committed to developing and maintaining an Environmental Management System for the purposes of enhancing environmental stewardship of the Rathbun Planning Area. RASWC's commitment will be demonstrated through regulatory compliance and continual improvement in the following six categories:

- Yard waste management
- Household hazardous waste collection
- Water Quality improvement
- Greenhouse gas reduction
- Recycling services
- Environmental education

In keeping with this policy, RASWC will establish and maintain an EMS that provides a framework for setting and reviewing RASWC's environmental objectives and targets for each of its processes, services and/or activities.

Adopted: December 8, 2009
Date

/s/ Ralph Alshouse
Chairman: Ralph Alshouse

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Secretary/Treasurer: Jennifer Frampton





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Environmental Policy Statement Exercise

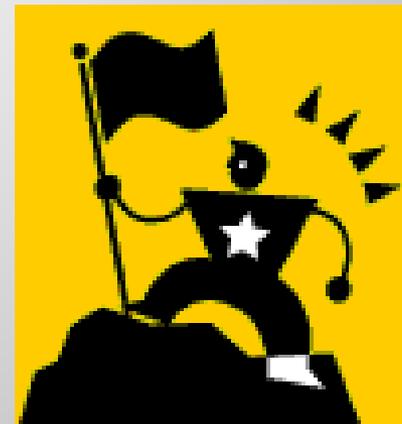


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Best Practices



- ⦿ No More Than One Page
- ⦿ Don't Over Commit/Careful of Using “Ensure”
- ⦿ Signature at the Bottom to Indicate Approval
 - Consider Management Approval Process and Timing
- ⦿ Post Policy At Facility
- ⦿ Fit the Policy to Your Organization
 - Inspirational
 - Instructional
 - Regulatory
 - Combination
- ⦿ Recognize that Change May be Difficult





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QUESTIONS?

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