

# Environmental Management Systems:

## Issue:

An Environmental Management System (EMS) involves identifying products, services or activities that could impact the environment, and developing plans and/or procedures to manage these risks on an ongoing basis. The system also promotes best practice and facilitates continual improvement of environmental performance.

## Expertise:

The process of developing an EMS involves an initial environmental review (or baseline review) of the company's current system compared to the system that they wish to meet (eg. Non-certifiable system - EPA Accredited Licence or certifiable system - ISO 14001).

The baseline review can be conducted using a self-evaluation checklist developed by EnviroRisk Management, or by an EnviroRisk Management specialist.

The baseline review aims to identify environmental aspects and impacts. After identification, written procedures are developed which aim to minimise environmental impacts and work towards continual improvement in environmental performance within the company.

## Solution:

EnviroRisk Management has over the years developed successful strategies to streamline the implementation of an EMS.

EnviroRisk Management has guided over 20 organisations through the development of their EMS, to certification standard where required. Our approach is to work alongside our clients from initiation to system maintenance.

## EMS Solutions:

EnviroRisk Management has developed an 'EMS Solutions' package that is available to develop and implement the system internally, with minimal external guidance. The package includes:

- an EMS implementation road map,
- model procedures (systems based and typical significant aspects),
- proforma Forms, Matrices and Tables,
- examples of integration opportunities,
- software to conduct your baseline review and internal audits (AuditMASTER™),
- a list of environmental legislation and guidelines hyperlinked to enable on-line access,
- a computer based notification tool to track and flag via email important dates (eg Licence renewal, report due dates, surveillance audits, etc.),
- a self-run internal environmental awareness training kit, and
- environmental posters to raise workplace awareness.

The package has been developed with user friendliness and system effectiveness in mind.

“Your assistance with our Environmental Management System has proven to be of considerable value.”

- Peter Whitehead,  
Environmental Manager,  
Uncle Ben's of Australia

“The direction your organisation provided us ... was invaluable with the smooth development of our ISO system to certification over a short time period.”

- Wendy Doggett,  
Human Resources & Quality Manager,  
Plexicor Australia

