

EMS Benefits to Senior Management

An EMS can be a valuable tool (a business model) for managers by providing a structure for strategic goal setting, improved decision making and efficient resource allocation across management priorities. A continual improvement management system framework also provides an organization the ability to adapt more effectively in response to changing circumstances, allowing for management flexibility and incorporating change management into day-to-day operations.

An EMS approach provides value to top management by:

- Supporting an organizational culture that embraces change and has a forward focus
- Utilizing a continual improvement framework to achieve performance across multiple areas
- Making use of a strong check and act structure for business and environmental priorities
- Focusing on environmental management practices rather than only on regulated activities
- Investing in continual systems approaches leading to effective investments in human and technical resources

In addition, a key element of an EMS is a management review, which completes the Plan-Do-Check-Act cycle of an EMS by offering an organization's management the opportunity to assess performance and make the necessary course corrections. The Review is the management check to see if the system is operating as planned, is effective, and provides the opportunity to address changes that may be required.