



SUSTAINABLE EARTH INITIATIVE (SEI) is dedicated to the principles of sustainability – operating today in a way that does not degrade or deplete the resources of tomorrow. SEI’s mission is to promote the three E’s of sustainability: Environment, Economy, and Equity by promoting waste reduction, pollution prevention and zero waste practices. SEI reaches the public as well as businesses and government by providing consultancy and compliance assistance services, by

conducting research and policy studies and by sponsoring conferences and workshops on sustainable practices.

SEI co-founders are Gary Lucks and Susan Sakaki, environmental professionals with extensive experience in regulatory compliance and environmental programs development.

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EPA PEER

Local Resource Center



SEI has been designated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to lead an initiative, known as the **Public Entity EMS Resource (PEER) Center**, to promote environmental management systems (EMS) to local government and other public sector organizations. SEI serves public entities within EPA Region IX serving California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands.

The Public Entity EMS Resource (PEER) Center was developed to serve local government and other public sector organizations seeking to benefit from the environmental and economic benefits of EMS development. In collaboration with the EPA, The National PEER Center provides resources and tools at their web site: www.peercenter.net, as well as through regional Local Resource Centers (LRCs), such as SEI.

WHAT IS EMS?

An Environmental Management System (EMS) is an integrated system of management activities, training and communication to achieve environmental goals. EMSs provide organizations of all types a structured approach for managing environmental and regulatory responsibilities to improve both environmental as well as overall organizational performance.

BENEFITS OF EMS IMPLEMENTATION

- Cost savings and lower insurance premiums
- Decreased risk and liability costs
- Decreased materials / resource costs
- Increased operational efficiency
- Better relationship with regulatory agencies
- Enhanced public perception
- State and national recognition

