



Environmental Management System (EMS) Pilot Program

EPA-New England, in partnership with UMASS Lowell EMS Service Program has selected the University of New Hampshire as a participant in an EPA Environmental Management System (EMS) Pilot Program initiative for colleges and universities. Participants will hopefully realize a variety of benefits as a result of their participation including, but not limited to:

- A better understanding of the root causes of noncompliance;
- An increased employee awareness of environmental issues;
- Lower costs through reduced volumes of solid waste generated; and
- Better employee morale.

The UNH pilot program will focus on creating an integrated waste management program for the campus. A team of faculty, staff and students will evaluate means of achieving environmental regulatory compliance and improving environmental stewardship. This pilot program is receiving direction and assistance from the UMASS Lowell EMS Service Program.

What is an EMS?

An EMS is a framework for:

1. Understanding an organization's environmental impact;
2. Complying with environmental regulations; and
3. Implementing proactive pollution prevention strategies.

An EMS carries out a continuing cycle of *planning, doing, reviewing, and improving* the processes and actions associated with the organization's responsible environmental management.