

EMSs: What's Happening in New York?

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NEWMOA Roundtable on Successful Strategies for Promoting EMSs

Dialogue on Tools to Improve Environmental Performance

- Hosted by NYSDEC – November 20, 2002
- Brought together about 70 experts in environmental management to discuss innovative environmental management tools and how they can most effectively be applied
- Information available at:
<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/ppu/dialmain.html>

Dialogue on Tools to Improve Environmental Performance

- Outcomes relevant to EMS programs:
 - Incorporate multiple tools in a comprehensive and systematic manner
 - Information on performance is key
 - Programs need to be credible
 - Tiered approaches can lead to more strategic environmental management
 - Engage leadership

EMS in NYS: Past Two Years

- Developed EMS Guidance:
<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/ppu/p2ems.html>
 - EMS training for DEC staff
 - EMS/enforcement pilot – NYS Correctional Facility
 - EMS Assistance/Outreach at targeted sectors and as requested
 - EPA Performance Track
- Basically, we learned from these activities*

EMS in NYS: The Future

- Development of a DEC EMS Policy – will serve three purposes
 - Statement of support for the EMS concept – encourage programs to find ways to utilize them
 - Provide authority to the Pollution Prevention Unit to develop an incentive based EMS program
 - Provide authority to the Division of Environmental Enforcement to utilize EMSs in enforcement programs