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Environmental Management System Development in a Missouri State Park and State Historic Site



Environmental Management System
That part of the overall management

That part of the overall management system that includes organizational structure, planning activities, responsibilities, practices, procedures, processes and resources for developing, implementing, achieving, reviewing and maintaining the environmental policy.
 International Standard ISO 14001:1996(E) 3.5



EMS Elements

- Environmental Policy
- Planning
 - Environmental aspects
 - Legal and other requirements
 - Objectives and targets
 - Environmental Management programme(s)



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EMS Elements (cont.) Implementation and operation Structure and Responsibility Training awareness and competence Communication **EMS** documentation **Document Control** Operational Control Emergency preparedness and response



EMS Elements (cont.)
Checking and corrective action

Monitoring and measurement
Nonconformance and corrective and preventive action
Records
EMS audit

Management review



CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT

 process of enhancing the environmental management system to achieve improvements in overall environmental performance in line with the organization's environmental policy.



Organized in 19745 divisions

- Geology and Land Survey (1853)
- State Parks (1917)
- Environmental Quality (1974)
- Energy
- Administrative Support



Reorganized and restructured in 2000





Missouri State Parks began in 1917, with the formation of the Missouri State Park Board. The first public lands were purchased for state park use in 1923.
Arrow Rock Tavern
The first Park was purchased in 1924
Big Springs; became a part of the National

Scenic Riverways in 1964



There are currently 84 parks and historic sites in the Missouri State Park System

The state parks system protects, preserves and interprets Missouri's natural landscapes and cultural landmarks and provide recreational opportunities to the public.



Missouri State Parks include

- Route 66 State Park (formerly Times Beach)
- Katy Trail State Park (Rails to Trails, 225 miles long)
- Finger Lakes State Park (reclaimed strip mined coal land)



State historic Sites include the birthplace or childhood homes of:
 – President Harry S Truman
 – General John J. Pershing
 – Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain)
 – Scott Joplin



State Parks encounter a variety of environmental issues

- Drinking water
- Wastewater
- Solid waste
- Hazardous waste (RCRA, CERCLA, SARA, FIFRA),
- Air pollution (NESHAPS)



Fish and wildlife codes
Endangered Species Act
State and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations
Department policies



 Missouri Department of Natural Resources Outreach and Assistance Center, Environmental Assistance Office
 Founded in 1992 as the Technical Assistance Program
 Reorganized in 2000



Division of State Parks
 – Lake Ozark State Park



- Violations Failed to Conduct Drinking water monitoring.
- Compliance Conduct proper sampling and monitoring of drinking water system
- Enforcement Compliance Order
- SEP Supplemental Environmental Project
- EMS as ordered by the Department Director



meeting with parks management
 Outline the process
 Transferability of the product or process
 Select the facility and designate the EMS team



develop timetable milestones

- Select and train EMS Team.
- Develop Environmental Policy Statement
- Identify Environmental Aspects and impacts
- determine significant impacts
- develop procedures (programs)
- determine measures



Selection Criteria
 Large land area
 Diverse recreational activities
 Well visited facility
 Enthusiastic staff





Surprise
 Super fund Site











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The grasses before you, and many of the plants in the surrounding yields and woods, originate from the Tallgrass Prairies and Savannas that were once present in this region. These Savannas and Grasslands 2 are being preserved using periodic prescribed fixes.

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first meeting

- Our first meeting was on Feb 6 2002 with the park management
- EAO outlined the proposed process for an EMS at Lake of the Ozarks SP.



train the park staff
 – EMS Team



1 EMS or 2 St Joe State Park Missouri Mines State Historic Site



Activities
 brain storming
 brain writing



Policy Statement

The employees of St. Joe State Park are committed to caring for and protecting the environment all-the-while preserving and interpreting our natural and culturally significant resources and providing safe and unique recreational and competitive opportunities for visitors. Staff will educate the public and promote environmentally friendly practices, which we will use to diminish pollution, retard erosion, and reduce waste. The implementation of these practices will enhance staff and visitor awareness, minimize impacts from outside sources, and will attempt to improve the environment so that established regulatory standards may be met or exceeded.



- As Missouri Mines State Historic Site works to preserve and interpret the Federal mine-mill site and key elements of Missouri's diverse mining history, we will do so in a manner that will result in sustained measurable improvement of the state's environment and its natural resources. Weather providing a service to the public or engaging in mandated maintenance duties and construction projects or conducting day-to-day office support functions, the staff of this site will:
- make provisions to comply with or exceed all relevant federal, state, and other environmental laws and regulations;
- reduce use of the world's non-renewable resources;
- commit to the total concept of recycling -- by recycling appropriate wastes and buying recycled products;



- Faithfully dispose of all non-recyclable waste in an environmentally sound manner;
- improve all site activities, practices, and procedures in a way that will minimize or mitigate any adverse impacts to the environment; and
- clearly communicate this environmental commitment to coworkers, vendors, and visitors.



Activities to functions
 describe <u>everything</u> that you do



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functions to aspects

 explain how the things you do interact with the environment



aspects to impacts

 determine any change in the environment resulting from your activities and their interaction with the environment



Significant impacts Bubble-up Bubbledown

 Compare each impact with every other impact and rank them according to the severity/significance of the environmental effect.



 Legal and regulatory requirements
 – consider all international, federal, state, or local; laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, policies and directives that affect your environmental policy or your operations.



Operations Plan

- The park has an operations plan that outlines many of the required activities at the facility.
 - Water and wastewater operations and sampling
 - trash and waste collection
 - purchasing of materials
 - use of vehicles



EMS approach
Plan
Do
Check
Act



 developing Objectives and targets
 – select impacts to address and develop steps to improve performance



Developing Programs
 assign responsibilities
 dedicate resources
 time
 equipment
 personnel
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