

Environmental Management Systems for Brewers

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Introduction

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Environmental Management System (“EMS”)

- What is an EMS?
 - An EMS is a comprehensive and systematic approach to identifying the ways that the environment is impacted by your business operations and related work activities.
 - An EMS helps your business set priorities for action as well as future monitoring programs to ensure compliance with environmental regulations
 - An EMS helps assure that your continued and future operations (i.e., expansion) are not impacted by environmental regulations.

EMS ≠ Sustainability

- Sustainability focuses on the direct and indirect effects of business operations on our natural environment.
- Sustainability focuses on ways in which to achieve a degree of harmony with the environment by reducing the environmental impact of your business operations.
- In contrast, an EMS is focused on protecting your business by ensuring legal compliance with local, state and federal authorities.

Environmental Issues for Brewers

- **Water:** direct discharges or discharges to POTWs.
- **Air:** operation emissions (i.e., boilers, canning operations)
- **Waste:** proper disposal of solid, residual and hazardous waste
- **Chemicals:** proper reporting of chemical usage

Key Components of an EMS

- **Audit:** Conduct an environmental audit to identify areas of potential regulatory and other environmental exposure
- **Permitting:** Review any current permits (air, water, solid waste) to ensure compliance with state and federal law
- **Future Planning:** Develop a targeted plan focused on ensuring active monitoring, internal assessments and reporting to provide early warning for potential compliance concerns during business expansion.
- **Training Programs:** Develop a training program to assure key personnel know and understand proper environmental

How We Can Help

- Perform an audit of your operations to identify potential areas of concern
- Develop an EMS tailored to your operations
- Assist in negotiations with regulatory authorities (permits)
- Identify and assist in obtaining necessary local, state or federal permits
- Defend your business in actual or threatened enforcement actions by state or federal regulators.

Thank You

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