

**Want to improve your environmental performance?  
Want to reduce operational costs?  
Are you a public entity?**



Sustainable Earth Initiative (SEI) serves as a partner with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 to promote and implement environmental management systems (EMS). As the Region 9 EPA PEER (Public Entity EMS Resource) Center, SEI works with cities, counties, and other public entities throughout California, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada and the Pacific Islands.



## **2008 EMS Implementation Program**

The EPA PEER program has demonstrated that a cost-effective way of delivering EMS assistance to local government is by grouping a number of public entities together to share the cost of training and consultation. In 2008 SEI is offering a 12-month program for public entities committed to implementing Environmental Management Systems (EMS). The program will consist of six workshops (one day to two days each) that capture the latest in field tested tools and materials designed for the public sector. Additionally, SEI will offer on-site coaching and consultation. Here's what you will get:

- EMS implementation training
- EMS handbook, including guidelines, templates, document samples, tips from other public entities
- Safe setting for problem solving and opportunity for sharing ideas
- Assistance and coaching by EMS experts
- Support of the National PEER Center ([www.peercenter.net](http://www.peercenter.net)) which serves as the Clearinghouse for public entity EMS guidelines and case studies.

### Workshop Themes

1. EMS: background, environmental policy, roles and responsibilities
2. Aspect and Impacts and Legal Requirements
3. Objectives and Targets – environmental management programs
4. Metrics and Training and Communication
5. Documentation and Management Review
6. Internal Audits and Third Party Audits

### Eligibility

The PEER program serves all public entities, including state and local governmental entities, tribal governments, colleges and universities, public utilities (water districts, wastewater treatment facilities, ports), and other special districts.

### Schedule and Cost

The workshops will commence when we have at least 5 public agencies enrolled. \$15,000 per organization allows up to three persons from the organization to attend the workshops and each organization will receive at least one day of on-site consultation and phone consultation as needed. Additional services can be negotiated.

### Registration

Contact Susan Sakaki at 510-531-5377 to register and to obtain additional details.

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