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UF/TREEO Selected as U.S. EPA Local Resource Center
EPA Announces Major New Initiative to Assist Local Governments
Meet Environmental Goals Through Environmental Management Systems

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The University of Florida TREEO Center has been selected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Water to become one of eight Environmental Management System Local Resource Centers nationwide.

The EMS Local Resource Centers, with the continued support of EPA, will assist local government agencies adopt environmental management systems with the goal of improving their overall environmental performance and compliance.

“We are honored to have been selected as an EMS Local Resource Center and welcome the opportunity to share our EMS knowledge and training with local, county and state governments,” said UF/TREEO Director William Engel, Ph.D., CET, who has more than 20 years experience working with environmental management systems.

Until recently, environmental management systems have been used extensively in private industry, but are now being adopted by a growing number of local governments. Environmental management systems provide organizations with a structured process for meeting environmental goals by identifying and reducing a broad range of environmental impacts from their operations.

The other organizations selected as EMS Resource Centers include Purdue University– Center for Clean Manufacturing Technology and Safe Materials; University of Wisconsin–Stout; Georgia Institute of Technology– Center for International Standards and Quality; University of Massachusetts at Lowell; Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission; Virginia Tech University– Center for Organizational and Technological Advancement; and The Zero Waste Alliance in Portland, Oregon.

Each center will also share information on their activities through a public on-line, national clearinghouse of EMS information for public agencies. This clearinghouse is available at www.peercenter.net.

For more information on UF/TREEO Center and its role as an EMS Local Resource Center, please call 352-392-9570 ext. 110, email train@treeo.doce.ufl or visit www.treeo.ufl.edu.

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