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NBP Holds EMS 301 Workshop for KY-TN, New England, and MD Program Participants

The National Biosolids Partnership held its final EMS workshop for wastewater agencies and biosolids preparers in the KY-TN, New England, and Maryland areas on November 13-14 at the Nashville Metro Water Services facility in Nashville, TN. Some 30 participants were provided with the audit preparedness training conducted by the FL TREEO Center in Gainesville, FL. Dr. Bill Engel and Doug Dean were the lead instructors. The workshop was the first webcast of an NBP EMS training workshop. Participants that were unable to attend the workshop in Nashville were able to dial in and listen to audio and view the Power Point content. (*Sam Hadeed, shadeed@wef.org*)

What Is an EMS?

Environmental Management Systems (EMS) provide the tools and processes that can enhance an organization's ability to improve its environmental performance, prevent pollution, meet and move beyond compliance requirements and cut costs. EMS provide organizations with a structured process for meeting environmental goals by identifying and reducing a broad range of environmental impacts from their operations. Until recently, environmental management systems have been used extensively in private industry, but are now being adopted by a growing number of local governments.

UF/TREEO Selected Local Resource Center by EPA

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Water selected the University of Florida TREEO Center to become one of eleven Environmental Management System Local Resource Centers nationwide. The Local Resource Centers operate as part of EPA's major new initiative to support the implementation of environmental management systems at local government agencies.

Environmental management systems provide organizations with a structured process for managing environmental and regulatory responsibilities. The Local Resource Centers provide real-life mentors, technical expertise and problem-solving strategies to help local governments make their operations more environmentally friendly.

For additional information on EMS visit: <http://www.treeo.ufl.edu/ems/>

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