



EMS Implementation in the US Fish and Wildlife Service

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US Fish and Wildlife Service

- The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.



Facilities

- National Wildlife Refuges
- National Fish Hatcheries
- Others



Activities

- Hazmat Storage
- Drinking Water
- Solid Waste Storage
- SPCC Plans
- Fuel Storage
- NPDES Permits



EMS History

- Selected appropriate facilities
- Beginning in 2002, staff visited each facility to assist with EMS implementation and plans
- Facilities self-declared under EO 13148
- Facilities declared conformance under EO 13423 by December 31, 2008



OMB Metrics

- Prior to FY08, FWS scored Yellow on the EMS element of the Environmental Stewardship Scorecard
- Designed web-based questionnaire to reflect the OMB Metrics with FWS-specific language
- Provided framework for annual internal review





FY 2010 Environmental Management Systems Internal Review

INTRODUCTION

The Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Internal Review was designed by the Division of Engineering (DEN) to streamline your required annual EMS internal review process. The EMS questionnaire will not only satisfy the annual internal review requirement, but it will also serve as a self-assessment to identify areas which need improvement before Office of Management and Budget (OMB) metrics reporting at the end of the fiscal year. To facilitate completion of the questionnaire, your field station should complete its Environmental Management Plan (EMP) updates as described in the "Annual EMP Update Checklist" at <https://intranet.fws.gov/region9/engineering/ECB/Environmental%20Management%20Systems/EMS.htm>

This questionnaire contains six sections and a total of 17 questions; however, not all of the questions may apply to your facility. Please provide your best answers by June 30, 2010. On June 30, 2010, the Division of Engineering will review all of the responses to identify any problem areas, and will follow up as needed with facilities. You will have until September 30, 2010, to make any needed improvements to your EMP and to update your responses in the questionnaire. The responses on record on September 30, 2010 will generate the overall Service rating on the OMB Environmental Stewardship Scorecard.

When completing the questionnaire, use the **Next** button to advance to the next question. If you would like to review or change previous responses, use the **Back** button. Simply click **Next** and your responses will be automatically recorded and saved. If you need to exit the questionnaire and complete it at a later time, use the **Save** button. You will be provided with a web address that will allow you to re-enter the questionnaire at a later time; please save this address (e.g., write it down or save it as a favorite) so that you may complete the questionnaire at a more convenient time. It is not necessary to use the **Save** button to record your responses as you progress through the questionnaire, only if you intend to exit the questionnaire.

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Results

- From FY08 – FY10, FWS has scored Green on the EMS element of the Environmental Stewardship Scorecard
- Allowed us to see problem areas and develop activities to improve





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Current Efforts

- Electronic Environmental Management Plans
 - Excel format
 - Incorporates sustainability goals
- Communication Network
 - Webcasts and teleconferences
 - Success stories shared among all FWS facilities

