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SUBJECT: Topical Committee on EMS Workshop: Summary of Issues Nominated by Participants

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A summary of issues submitted by participants in our June 25, 1998, Topical Committee on EMS Workshop that may serve as initial topics for the Agenda of the next Topical Committee meeting on October 19, 1998, in New Orleans is presented on the following page.

## Topical Committee on EMS Workshop: Summary of Issues Nominated by Participants

Cliff Clark: DOE/RL

- Battelle PNNL ISMS verification
- EMS/ISMS and new contracts

Paul Nesson: DOE/CH

- How is the EMS effort/Topical Committee being integrated with ISM?
- How do we ensure that EMS is a part of an overall ISM program, i.e., that EMS does not overshadow ISM?
- What experience is there that demonstrates the value of ISO 14001? (e.g., data, feedback from ISO 14001 DOE sites, etc)
- Much of the discussion has been on experiences that seem to imply, strive for ISO 14001 implementation, then (maybe) see how it might be integrated into ISM. We should be, instead, starting with ISM, developing EMSs within the ISM principles, and then seeing if ISO 14001 (or selected parts of it) is/are useful.

Teresa Perry: DOE/OR

- Senior management has a concern about 'drivers' to do EMS -- what laws, regulations, rules, Orders reference this? Drivers are out there for the elements of the EMS (e.g., Pollution prevention) We could use help in looking a what other sites see as "drivers."
- Integration of EMS, ISMS, and Quality at DOE/HQ level.
- Sharing of environmental aspects identification and evaluation results and tools.
- Would like to receive any information on costs and how they are tracked for sites that have 3d party certification.
- Sharing of performance indicators with other sites and HQ.
- Discussion of sharing/integration of a diversified or multi-disciplinary complex-wide audit team.
- Would like to get lists of contact information for DOE and Contractor POC's for EMS and ISMS.

Joe Richards: Confederated Tribes -- Umatilla Indian Reservation

- Assurance that the 'E' in and integrated system has "substance"
- Even though ISO 14001 is a "structure," performance indicators/measurements/outcomes need to be identified to "ensure" the continual improvement of environmental performance.

Jeff Short: DOE/EM

- The connection of EMS, with ISM, VPP, EWP, etc -- especially how DOE can cover all the bases with a single system.

William Watters: WN Nuclear Services

- ISM integration and other initiatives integration