

Think about it!



Our EMS was created to help us protect the environment. When you help the EPA-RTP EMS meet its goals, you'll have the satisfaction of belonging to an Agency-wide team of committed co-workers, striving to lessen the adverse environmental impact of our work and to preserve our resources for future generations.

Please visit our website at

www.epa.gov/rtp/ems/e4e.htm

to see more about our activities and review a list of EPA-RTP's significant environmental impacts.



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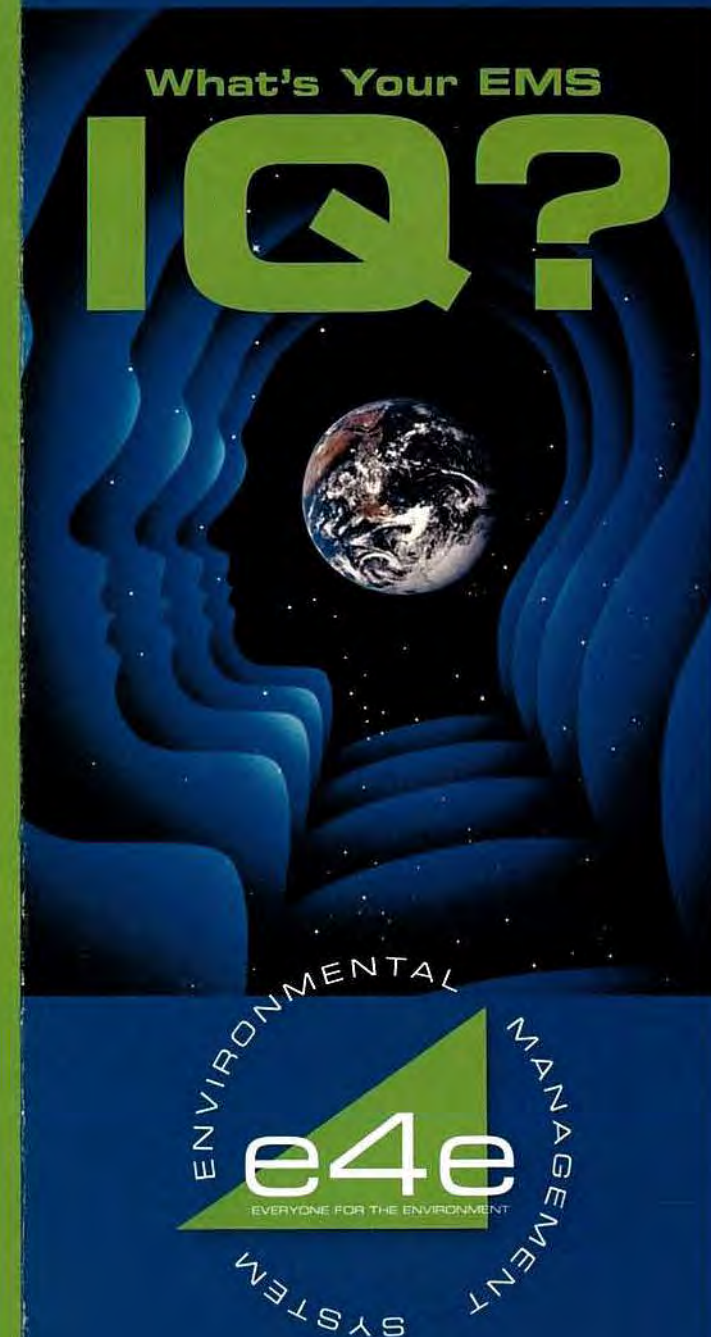


Are we making progress?

Yes! We establish annual goals to achieve measurable improvement in numerous impact areas. We report our progress to the Agency as part of a government-wide EMS Scorecard system that measures implementation progress, performance, and successes. Our "greening" efforts at the EPA-RTP campus have helped the Agency score a Green rating. **Keeping it "Green" begins with you!**

EMS Success at EPA-RTP

- 7% overall decrease in energy consumption
- Annual diversion of more than 2 tons of food waste from landfilling; compost returned to campus for landscaping
- More than 101 tons of paper recycled from EPA-RTP



EPA-RTP's Environmental Management System

It's a process, not a thing.

OK, so what is it?


Our Environmental Management System (EMS) is a process in which we closely evaluate our work activities to identify any adverse environmental impacts. We then set goals for reducing those environmental impacts and implement programs to achieve them. We continually monitor the success of our programs and check for new environmental impacts that need to be addressed.

Where do I fit in?

Because you work here, you can contribute to the reduction of EPA-RTP's significant impacts, such as: energy use, fuel use, waste generation, water use, and others. We need your help to accomplish our goals. Consider joining our EMS Team to help us set and track goals for greening EPA-RTP. Send your ideas to e4e@epa.gov!



Five things WE can do:

- **Turn off lights and close fume hood sashes!**
(EPA-RTP consumes 50% of the energy used by all of US EPA!)
- **Conserve water and report water leaks immediately!**
(EPA-RTP consumes 41% of the water used by all of US EPA!)
- **Recycle! - Put glass, plastic, paper, aluminum, batteries, cardboard, and electronic items in appropriate receptacles.**
- **Enable Energy Star power savings settings on your computer!** 
- **Carpool or vanpool!**

Plan > Do > Check > Act



Rethink - Reduce - Reuse - Recycle



Do Your Part!



Be part of the process! We're listening – give us your ideas!