

Environmental Management System (EMS) Scoping The Met Office



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Entec was commissioned to assist the Met Office in determining the most suitable approach for the development and implementation of an EMS, to aid them in progress to reposition themselves as a leading environmental organisation, and to assist in meeting MOD requirements. Additional factors to be taken into consideration included the impending relocation and consolidation of their head office from Bracknell in Berkshire to Exeter in Devon.

The objectives of the study were to:

- review current environmental management and assess its compatibility with ISO 14001;
- propose potential options for the development and implementation of an EMS;

- carry out a SWOT analysis to determine the most preferable option; and
- formulate an EMS implementation action plan based on the preferred option.

The study identified five potential options for the Met Office to develop and implement an EMS. All options involved developing a corporate EMS framework followed by implementation with temporal, geographical and functional variances.

Based on the results of the SWOT analysis, the most appropriate approach to EMS development was identified and recommended. This centred on managing compliance issues at the existing site and

developing a framework capable of export to the new site in Exeter. Such an approach aimed to ensure that the Met Office fulfilled Government and MOD targets, whilst adopting a realistic implementation schedule commensurate with the internal resources available. Additionally this approach demonstrated commitment to stakeholders whilst avoiding unnecessary duplication of effort possible with the planned relocation of the head office.



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