

### Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

### Environmental & Sustainability Management System (ESMS)

**Update on Training and Implementation** 

Planning & Development Committee April 1, 2014

# Background

- FTA-sponsored program
- GCRTA one of 10 agencies selected to participate this round of training
- Program includes site visits, 4 workshops and lots of homework
- Central Bus Maintenance Facility is the pilot facility
- Seeking ISO 14001 Certification for Central Bus Maintenance Facility (CBMF)
- Intend to roll-out ESMS Authority-wide







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# Five Significant Aspects

- Lead Acid Bus Batteries
- Scrap Metal
- Used Rags
- Waste Cardboard
- Waste Paper

## Objectives, Targets, & Programs

### Lead Acid (Bus) Batteries

- Improve existing maintenance procedures
- Purchase Absorbed Glass Mat (AGM) technology batteries for 50% of buses
- Achieve 100% increase in battery life on the AGM equipped buses
- Achieve additional 5% life on Lead Acid buses
- Track useful life and replacement data
- Complete by December 31, 2015

## Objectives, Targets, & Programs

- Waste Cardboard, Waste Paper & Scrap Metal
  - Enhance and manage recycling programs
  - Reduce landfill waste by 20%
  - Weekly spot-checks of containers
  - SOP training and communications
  - Tracking waste collection vs baseline data
  - Complete by December 31, 2015

## Objectives, Targets, & Programs

### Used Rags

- Proper and appropriate use of rags
- Reduce cloth rag use by 10%
- Weekly spot-checks of containers
- SOP training and communications
- Tracking waste collection vs baseline data
- Complete by December 31, 2014

### Contractor Management (CM)

- Develop Procedure to ensure contractors comply with GCRTA's environmental policy
- Develop SOP's to ensure operational control of contractors
- Develop CM Plan
- Establish a prioritized list of contractors/vendors at CBMF

#### Communications

- Media Relation and Marketing will be engaged shortly
- Develop Procedure that addresses Internal Communication, External Communications, Significant Aspects, Promotion of the ESMS, and Emergency Communications
- Implementation of Communication
  Strategy

#### Management Review

- Develop Procedure and Agenda in accordance with ISO 14001
- Quarterly for first two years during implementation then annually
- Focus on the Environmental Policy and the Objectives, Targets and Programs for the significant aspects
- Commitment to Continuous Improvement

- Competence, Training, and Awareness
  - Conduct a training needs analysis for RTA employees and contractors
  - Create a training matrix
  - Develop a training procedure
  - Establish environmental training records

### Monitoring and Measurement

- Identify appropriate monitoring and measuring criteria
- Track, record and report on the progress of meeting Objectives, Targets, and Programs
- Determine calibration requirements for related equipment
- Develop Procedure for monitoring and measurement.

### Case Study

- Agency Profile
- Facility
- Significant Aspects
- Objectives, Targets, and Programs
- Hours Spent
- Results



### **Future Activities**

- Workshop #3 Homework May 27, 2014
- Workshop #4 June 9-12, 2014
- Workshop #4 Homework July 21, 2014
- Trainer Gap Audit Site Visit Oct 20, 2014
- Trainer Final Audit February 23, 2015
- ISO 14001 Certification Activities Late 2014 thru mid 2015