# Environmental Management Systems



#### Marine Terminal Management Training Program

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#### Who I Am

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# Goals of this Presentation

- Provide an overview of an Environmental Management System (EMS)
- Present several different case studies on implementing an EMS in the Maritime Sector
- Look at possibilities for terminal operator participation in future pilots
- Demonstrate that progress toward more sustainable practices can be made – even when you're already really busy running a terminal

# AAPA – GETF EMS Pilot Project

- AAPA GETF EPA partnership established in 2003 (Association, Not-for-Profit and Regulatory Agency)
- Pilot Started in 2004
- 20 Ports participated to date
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pilot on-going completion 2010
- Variety of "fencelines": maintenance operations, terminal operations, storm water management, air quality management, green procurement

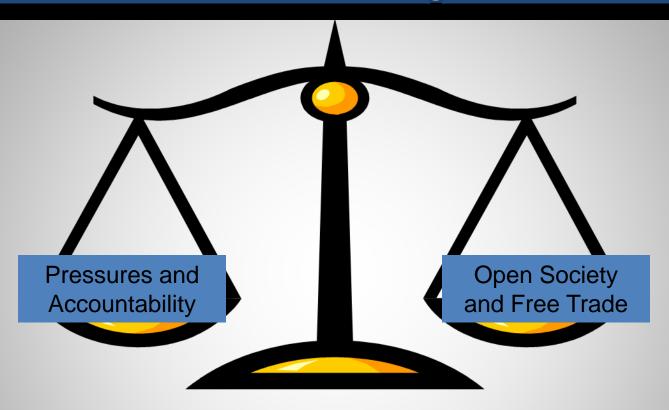
# Port Operations Impact the Environment



# Sources and Challenges



## The Balancing Act



- Port Challenges: large multi-modals of 24-hour activity, new government requirements, community relations, pollution controls, heavily regulated, increased trade and construction, terrorist threats, worker safety and health, asset management, etc...
- Theme for Path Forward: Integrated management system focused management of key priorities and activities.

#### What Distinguishes LEADING Organizations?

#### Ahead of the Curve

- Coping with the changing regulatory environment
- Technology Innovation
- Enterprise Risk Management

#### Operational Excellence

- Goals—Targets—Metrics: "The Dashboard"
- Efficient, effective, and prioritized operational controls

#### Open/Good Neighbors

- Regular Communications with Regulators
- Transparency with communities

## Typical Approach



Respond to a crisis

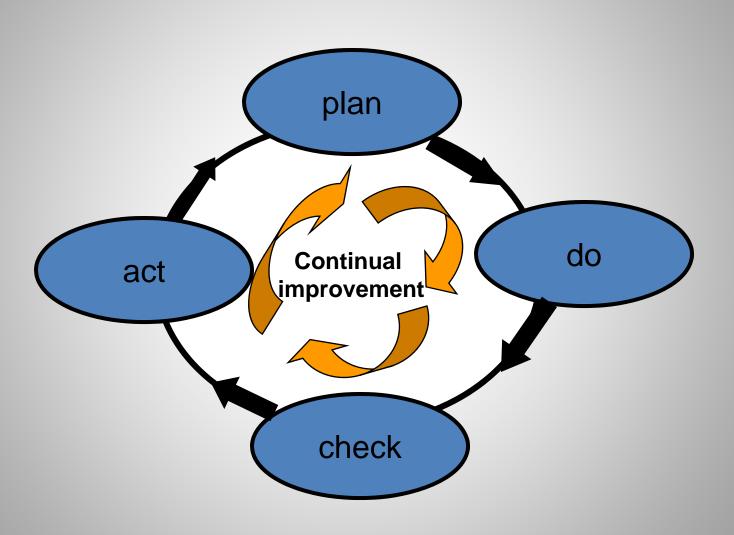
Ease in, starting with low-hanging fruit

Implement a well-thought-out program

#### What is an EMS?

- Environmental Management System:
- "is a framework that helps an organization achieve its environmental and business goals through consistent control of its operations; i.e. mange risk.
- The EMS does not dictate a level of environmental performance that must be achieved; each organization's EMS is tailored to its own business and goals."

# The EMS Framework



#### What Does an EMS Provide?

- Order and consistency in methodologies
- A well thought- out allocation of resources
- Assignment of responsibilities
- Evaluation of the effects of practices, procedures, and processes
- Process for continual improvement

#### Benefits of an EMS

- EMS provided the structural framework:
  - To harness an organization's internal capabilities
  - Organize them, and
  - Then direct these capabilities in a unified manner to address the organization's top priority objectives
- An EMS ensures that:

Top goals are continually considered as permanent in all activities, at all levels of the operation, top to bottom

- Ideas are followed up on, until they are implemented
- Accomplishments are recognized

### EMS Management - A Proven Approach

- Proven and documented value
- Environmental management becomes "business as usual"
- An EMS is about systematically managing "hot spots"
- The "E" focuses on environmental risks, but "hot spots" could be security, terrorism, safety and health, public relations
- The Vision: Integrate multiple systems that naturally synergize

## Port performance measures

- Reduce facility energy and water use
- Reduce diesel emissions
- Reduce use of hazardous materials
- Improve handling of hazardous materials/cargo
- Improve storm water management

## Other indicators of progress

- Conversion of cranes and yard equipment from diesel to electric or alternative fuel
- Electronic gate and tracking systems
- Shifting from truck to rail/on-dock rail
- Inventorying of air emissions
- Use of green purchasing & building practices

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