

# Using EMS to Ensure Environmental Compliance into the Future

## Presenter(s)

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## Abstract Text

As you are aware, colleges and universities have diverse operations and activities that have a variety of environmental reporting, recordkeeping and permitting/registrations requirements, which if not addressed properly and on a timely basis can cause unnecessary liabilities, fines, and unfavorable publicity. Further, the EPA has recently focused enforcement and environmental compliance inspections at colleges and universities. In response, many colleges and universities are completing environmental compliance audits to evaluate compliance and address noted compliance deficiencies. This approach is effective in the short term, however visionary facilities are going one-step further by establishing **Environmental Management Systems (EMS)** to ensure that compliance is continued into the future and becomes a part of the institution's culture. In addition, the EPA and several states including NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) have recognized the importance of EMS and developed policies to motivate the regulated community to implement systems to improve environmental performance. In particular, the EPA has implemented the **Performance Track**, which rewards facilities that develop EMS with regulatory and administrative incentives.

HRP Associates, Inc., an environmental engineering firm, has developed an Environmental Management Information System (EMIS), for institutional facilities including the New York State Department of Corrections, Massachusetts National Guard, corporations, colleges and hospitals. Therefore during the presentation HRP will discuss the following topics:

- What is an EMS?
- What are the benefits of an EMS?
- How to develop an EMS
- What items should be included in an EMS.

In closing HRP will present a college EMS as a case study including how to identify relevant environmental regulations that impact the facility as well as how to track compliance and maintain records.

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Mr. Seguljic is a Licensed Professional Engineer with over 20 years of experience in the environmental engineering field. Currently, he is a Regional Manager for HRP Associates, Inc.'s Malta, New York office, which provides environmental and civil engineering services for industrial and institutional clients located throughout the United States. Mr. Seguljic received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Colorado State University. Since that time, Mr. Seguljic has completed numerous environmental

projects for industrial clients throughout the US, Canada and several European countries including permitting, regulatory compliance reviews, pollution prevention studies, and site cleanups. Currently he is completing environmental management systems for several industrial clients, colleges and the New York Department of Corrections. In addition, Mr. Seguljic is a lead audit for HRP College Audit program in New Jersey, Virginia, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Tennessee and Florida.