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Dear EHS Director:

As you know, colleges and universities face many challenges when it comes to environmental management and compliance with environmental requirements. Environmental management systems (EMSs) present a proven opportunity to streamline how environmental issues are handled and actively share responsibility for environmental performance and compliance with stakeholders throughout an organization. While colleges and universities with an EMS have seen proven performance benefits, implementing the system can be a formidable challenge without experienced direction and insight.

We have a unique opportunity to learn how to implement an EMS from university mentors through a national College and University EMS Alliance. This Alliance is a user group forum in which we will collaboratively work through the process of how to implement an EMS under the mentorship of college and university EHS directors and managers who have implemented EMSs at their institutions. Mentors will share EMS benefits, lessons learned, and how they worked through common cultural and institutional barriers to make the EMS a success. Mentors at several different colleges and universities have already been identified. A number of colleges and universities at the April 4th Bi-annual EHS Directors' Roundtable held in Louisville, Kentucky have expressed interest in joining the Alliance. Whether you are in the process of implementing an EMS or just trying to learn more about what is involved, this Alliance will benefit you. We hope you will consider joining the College and University EMS Alliance.

Please see the enclosed flyer and registration form. Completing and returning the enclosed registration form by July 30th will reserve your participation in this unique training opportunity. We would be happy to entertain any questions you may have about this Alliance and its benefits.

Sincerely,

Cheri Hildreth Watts, Director
Department of Environmental Health and Safety

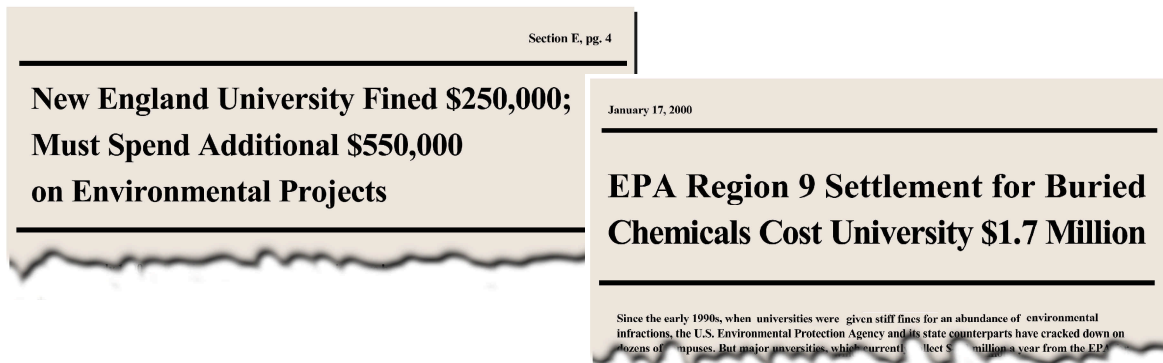
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Enclosure



Campus Safety Health & Environmental
Management Association

As you know some universities have received heavy fines for environmental violations...



In July 2000, EPA announced its enforcement initiative targeting colleges and universities—since then significant fines have been assessed against many colleges and universities. EPA encourages the implementation of **Environmental Management Systems (EMSs)** in all sectors including colleges and universities and often requires them in enforcement action settlements.

The **Campus Safety Health and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA)**, **Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center (KPPC)**** and the **University of Louisville's Department of Environmental Health and Safety** are launching a national College and University (C & U) EMS Alliance. The Alliance is a set of four peer workgroup sessions led by mentors from University of Missouri – Rolla, Washington State University and Boston University—these veterans have done it! You and your environmental staff will participate in interactive workshops that are 50% instruction and 50% exercises and designed to teach the steps to implementing an effective EMS while avoiding the pitfalls. Mentors will share their experiences in starting an EMS (aligned to ISO 14001), working through institutional barriers and making the campus EMS a success.

Whether you are in the process of implementing an EMS or just thinking about it, this Alliance is for you. Why not join an Alliance of colleges and universities that are interested in the common goal of EMS implementation? The College and University EMS Alliance will work through the unique challenges we face in environmental regulatory compliance and develop an EMS model for universities.

To join the Alliance, complete the attached registration form and return to KPPC by **July 30, 2001**. The first training session is tentatively planned for **November 2001** in Louisville, Kentucky. The Alliance membership fee is \$1,300, which allows you to send up to five people from your college or university to each of the four workshops. The fee also covers the costs of the mentor expenses, course materials, facilities, the members' only web site with sample EMS procedures and materials and list serve as well as technical assistance from KPPC staff. As a nonprofit entity, KPPC will not make money from the Alliance. Make checks payable to the "Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center" and mail to:

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Questions? Contact Tim Piero, KPPC Training Director, at 502- 852-0743.

** KPPC is a nonprofit pollution prevention and EMS technical assistance provider housed at the University of Louisville. KPPC has successfully launched four EMS Alliances for various industrial sectors in Kentucky using the model outlined in the flyer. KPPC presented the C & U Alliance concept at the 6th Biannual Spring EHS Director's Roundtable held in Louisville, Kentucky. The C & U EMS Alliance was favorably received and a core group of universities that plan to join have already been identified.



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College & University EMS Alliance

To join the College & University EMS Alliance please provide the following information. Make your check payable to the **Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center**. Registration due **July 30, 2001**.

Your Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Company Name: _____
 Address: _____

 City: _____ State: _____
 ZIP Code: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

To access the EMS web page:

Choose a User ID: _____
 Choose a Password: _____

If others from your institution will be attending, please provide their contact information. Your registration fee provides Alliance benefits to benefits to 5 people from your college/university.

<p>Your Name: _____ Title: _____ Company Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>To access the EMS web page: Choose a User ID: _____ Choose a Password: _____</p>	<p>Your Name: _____ Title: _____ Company Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>To access the EMS web page: Choose a User ID: _____ Choose a Password: _____</p>
<p>Your Name: _____ Title: _____ Company Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>To access the EMS web page: Choose a User ID: _____ Choose a Password: _____</p>	<p>Your Name: _____ Title: _____ Company Name: _____ Address: _____ _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>To access the EMS web page: Choose a User ID: _____ Choose a Password: _____</p>