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The ODOT Maintenance Environmental Management System (EMS) Policy and Procedures Manual represents a commitment by the ODOT Maintenance and Operations Leadership Team (MLT) to provide consistent direction for the storage, handling and use, and disposal of materials typically found at the ODOT Maintenance yards.

In 2005, when the program was first introduced to Maintenance, a commitment was made to revisit the program after three (3) years, to determine any modifications, additions or deletions needed to maintain the value of the EMS.

A technical team presenting a cross section of ODOT, including Maintenance, Safety, Fleet, Facilities, HazMat and the Office of Maintenance and Operations, as well as technical support from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality reviewed the procedures in the Manual.

This 2009 version incorporates the necessary changes identified by the technical team. Procedures have been modified to reflect changes in environmental law. The documentation requirements have been clarified and simplified. Additional reference tools have been provided, including the valuable 'cheat sheet quick reference' that lists the materials and requirements in a single quick reference sheet.

Since the EMS program was introduced to Maintenance in 2005, the program has become part of standard operating procedures. Maintenance has done an extraordinary job of implementing the program. Maintenance yards are cleaner and neater, and ultimately safer.

At the end of the next three year periods, Maintenance will again revisit the program to determine if there are any substantive modifications, additions, or clarifications needed. The intent of any review will be to ensure that the program remains valuable and pertinent to the management of Maintenance yards.

The EMS is a cornerstone of the Maintenance commitment in the ODOT Sustainability Plan. Identifying and implementing recycling options, increasing the use of recycled materials, and expanding the use of alternative products are immediate results of the EMS program.

As the State Maintenance and Operations Engineer, I'm proud of the incredible strides Maintenance has made to identify and make appropriate changes to how we do business. ODOT Maintenance is consistently out in front in minimizing impacts to natural resources.

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