1. THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE
ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The University recognises its obligation to take all reasonable precautions to provide and maintain, so far as is practicable, an environment that is safe and without risks to health for employees, students, visitors and the outside environment. The University’s overall Management System provides a formal framework to identify and manage environmental and safety risks. The two systems for safety (SafetyMAP) and the environment (EMS) will eventually merge into the one management system.

SafetyMAP

SafetyMAP (Safety Management Achievement Program) is an audit tool that provides the means to undertake an independent audit and review of the university’s health and safety management system. This helps to establish safer working environments that will protect people at work by eliminating, or better managing, health and safety hazards. This is consistent with the requirements of health and safety legislation.

The audit criteria within SafetyMAP enable the University to:

- Measure the performance of its health and safety program
- Implement a cycle of continuous improvement
- Benchmark its health and safety performance
- Gain recognition for the standards achieved by its management of health and safety

Environment Management System

The Environmental Management System is part of The University of Melbourne's overall management system and is designed to help staff meet the commitments of our Environmental Policy. The EMS will fulfill the requirements of ISO 14001:2004 through regular execution of procedures, use of work instructions, and other periodic activities as set out in EMS schedules.

The EHS Unit is responsible for preparing an EHS Management Plan to outline objectives and targets to be met. The EHS Unit must regularly report to the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) and Occupational Health and Safety Committee (OHSC) regarding progress against University EHS objectives, targets and EHS Unit Management Plan.
Faculty/Administrative Division EHS Committees

- track progress against the EHS Management Plan.
- track progress against the Faculty's/Administrative Division's EHS objectives and targets and report on progress to the EHS Unit.

OHSC

- Endorse University OHS objectives, targets and KPIs for approval by Administrative Committee and Council.
- Monitor progress against University OHS objectives and targets.

EAC

- Endorse University Environment objectives, targets and KPIs for approval by Administrative Committee and Council.
- Monitor progress against University EHS objectives and targets.

Reference

University of Melbourne Environmental Health and Safety Manual
http://www.unimelb.edu.au/ehsm/1.html