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NSF Audit of EENS EMS and OHSAS Programs, June 18 and 19

While it may seem like alphabet soup, NSF is the outside auditor contracted by BNL to assess our Environmental Management System and our Occupational Health and Safety Management System. The Environmental Management system is registered to the ISO 14001 standard and has been a well maintained and functioning program for several years now. The Occupational Safety and Health Management System is registered to ISO 18001. This system is relatively new to the lab but everyone participates everyday by *planning the work that they do*. Both standards enhance our ES&H Program.

So what do you have to know about EMS? Everyday everyone at BNL participates in environmental management. Office workers recycle paper, toner cartridges, bottles and cans. Lab workers prevent pollution and dispose of hazardous waste appropriately through Hazardous Waste Management. Everyone conserves energy by turning off lights when not needed, using the BNL shuttle or biking.

Protect the Environment, Prevent Pollution, Conserve Resources, and Continually Improve.

For OHSAS the message is **ALL work is planned**. Staff are involved work planning, committees, suggestion programs, etc.. Work is planned primarily via Experimental Safety Reviews (ESRs) and Work Permits; identifying hazards & controls and authorizing work, before it starts. All workers can use Job Risk Assessments (JRA) and Facility Risk Assessments (FRA) for information regarding the risks associated with their work or the building they work in.

Define work, Identify Hazards, Develop Controls, Perform Work, Continual Feedback and Improvement

Important Websites: Bookmark these sites: BNL ESSH Policy — <http://www.bnl.gov/ESHQ/ESSH.asp>
EENS for EMS and OHSAS information — <http://www.bnl.gov/eens/resops/>
Linda Bowerman and Pat Carr = EMS and OHS Management Representatives



Auditee Etiquette

If you are contacted by the auditor remember the following tips:

- Answer only the question posed. If you don't understand, ask for clarification.
- Stay focused. If it is a Yes/No question, answer "yes" or "no" rather than volunteering additional information.
- Be honest, polite, and positive.
- Demonstrate that you know where (BNL websites, ESR, etc.) or to whom to go for information (ESH Coordinators: Linda Bowerman and Pat Carr)

