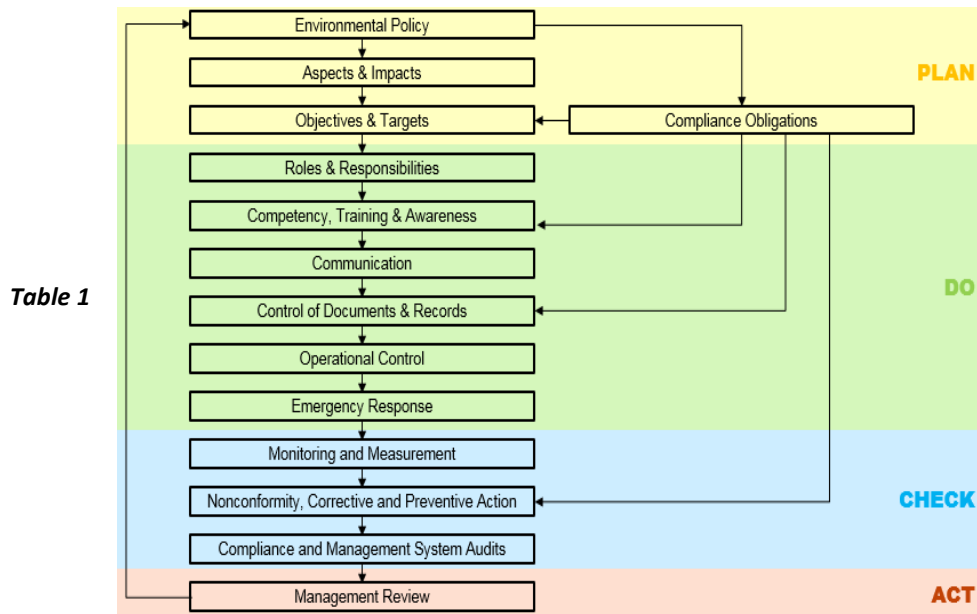


Environmental Best Way - Leading Environmental Management at BNSF

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BNSF is on a new environmental journey.....Environmental Best Way. Environmental Best Way, is the 'Best Way' to achieve and continuously improve environmental compliance and stewardship performance through a robust environmental management system. The management system is being implemented according to the following components in Table 1.



Environmental Best Way was launched in the fall of 2013 and is currently being developed and implemented through a phased approach, with a completion date of early 2016.

During the initial planning stages of EBW, management set four goals for the program: (1) establish a consistent culture of environmental compliance, (2) reduce environmental impacts, (3) shift from reactive to proactive management of environmental requirements, and (4) reduce associated costs and increase efficiency.

As a part of EBW planning, BNSF staff conducted a gap analysis to determine a management system baseline and develop an approach for program development and implementation. Additionally, the scope for EBW was determined and includes staff, operations and activities at eighteen facilities across the BNSF network. A supporting framework for EBW was established through the creation or use of existing cross functional teams. The following components are critical elements of the program:

- An Environmental Policy was established and includes commitments to continuous improvement, pollution prevention, environmental regulatory compliance and sustainable business solutions
- Site operations and activities and associated environmental risks were documented, scored and prioritized to determine which have significant impact on the environment.
- Internal environmental objectives and targets were set to reduce environmental impacts, with a specific focus on significant environmental impacts.

- Roles and responsibilities have been identified and documented for department personnel engaged in work activities with the potential to impact the environment.
 - Standardized procedures and instructions continue to be developed to continually improve work practices.
 - An internal EBW and environmental communication campaign is being developed and will launch in the spring of 2015.
 - A process has been established for the identification, maintenance, tracking and disposition of environmental documents and records.
 - A process has been established to conduct compliance and management system audits, identify nonconformances, investigate root causes, take corrective actions and evaluate the effectiveness of corrective actions.
 - An environmental, health and safety management software is being launched to monitor and track EHS performance and accountabilities.
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