

## 1.0 EMS System Requirements

The purpose of this document is to provide a framework to enable effective direction for EH&S's environmental activities, leading to continual environmental improvement.

This Environmental Management System (EMS) is viewed as an organizing framework that should be continually monitored and periodically reviewed to provide effective direction for EH&S's environmental activities in response to changing internal and external factors. The EMS requirements are based on the dynamic cyclical process of commitment and policy, planning, implementation, measurement and evaluation, review and improvement.

The Environmental Health & Safety Department, Environmental Protection Program at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHSC-H) has established, and will continue to maintain this EMS. The requirements of this EMS are described throughout this document, and include organizational structure, planning activities, responsibilities, practices, procedures and processes. In addition, this document includes various resources for developing, implementing, achieving, reviewing and maintaining the EMS.

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