

# Understanding Risk Management through an EHS Template – a *CUNY* Case Study



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## Sampling of Risk Concerns



## The City University of New York

- Largest urban public higher education institution in the United States
- One of the nation's major research institutions
- Serves more than 260,000 degree seeking students and 270,000 other
- Composed of:
  - 11 senior colleges;
  - 6 community colleges; and
  - graduate and professional schools



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## Office of Environmental Health and Safety

- Charged by the EPA national college and university initiative in 1999.



### Environmental

- EPA Audit
- Bulk Storage
- Labs
- Recycling/  
Pollution  
Prevention

### Health

- H1N1 Flu
- MRSA
- Lead
- IAQ

### Safety

- Fire Safety
- Workers' Comp
- Select Agents
- Radiation
- Lab Safety

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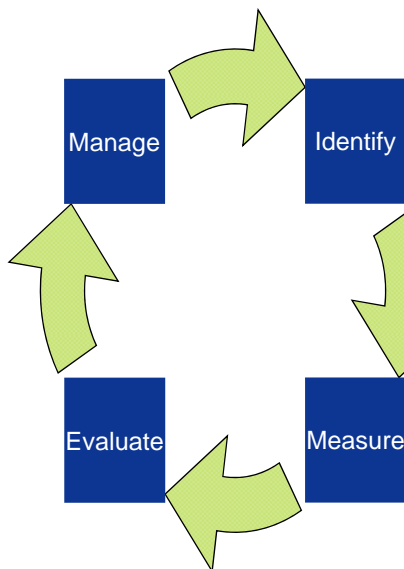
## Risk Management

○ Originally, the risk management function was spread throughout various departments within CUNY.



○ In July 2007, CUNY assigned the task of coordinating the University's risk management function to the Office of EHS, creating the

## Identify, Measure, Evaluate and Manage



### **Identify, Measure, and Evaluate**

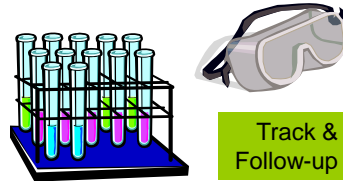
- EPA Audits
- Internal Audits
- Campus visits
- Regulatory inspections
- Notices of Violation (NOV) database
- Incident reports

### **And Manage...**

## Management Tools



Prepare



Track & Follow-up



Develop Management Systems



Communicate & Train

## Bridging Bureaucratic Silos

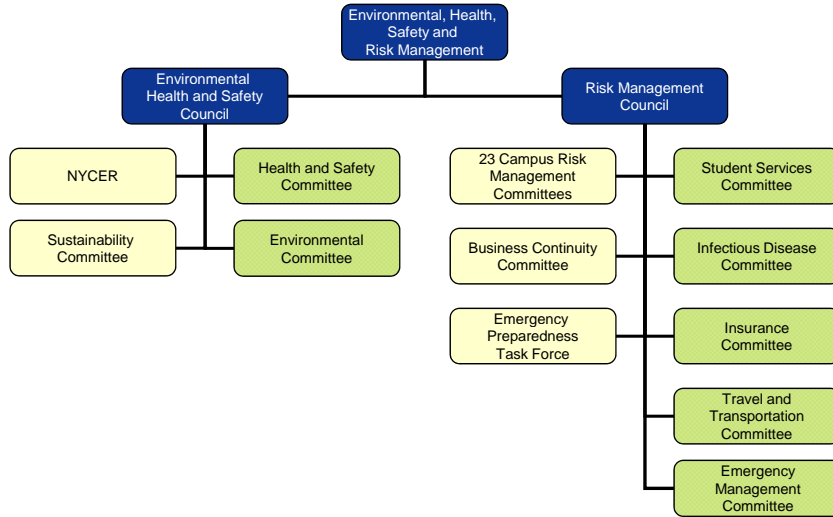


In the Field

In the Office



# Integrating EHSRM



# Communication Tools



Risk Management Newsletter



Sharepoint



EHS Newsletter

## Continuous Improvement

### Environmental Health & Safety

- Iterative internal audits
- Continuous training sessions

### Risk Management

- Risk Management Guide
- Business Continuity
- Emergency Preparedness



## Accountability



- Who is accountable?
  - Campus Presidents
    - How do we measure success?
      - PMP
- Trust but Verify!

## Questions?

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