

# ***Sharing Solutions Through EMS Audit Support***

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- A simple premise:
  - Many DOE facilities have ISO 14001 registered contractor Environmental Management Systems
  - ISO-14001, at Section 4.5.5, requires the organization to conduct internal audits at planned intervals to determine whether the EMS conforms to the requirements, has been implemented and is being maintained.
  - A fresh eye can be objective and impartial
- A simple plan:
  - Participating contractors agree to provide a representative to participate in the internal EMS audit at another site, in exchange for participation in their internal EMS audit by a representative from another site
  - Each site pays its own way

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- Simple successes
  - Benchmarking opportunity
    - The visitor sees someone else's EMS, their processes, their successes, and their challenges
    - The visitor brings his experience, insight, and suggestions for improvement
    - The EMS owner learns from the visitor
    - The visitor takes back what he has learned about how others manage their EMSs, and applies it
  - Skill-building opportunity
    - Both the EMS owner and the visitor enhance their assessing and performance assurance skills

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- Past Experience
  - INL, BNL and ORNL have exchanged assessors with benefits to all
    - Opportunities to improve INL Management Review process based on ORNL process
  - INL has supported internal audit at MSA
    - Identified opportunity to improve management of objectives and targets at INL
- Hurdles
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  - Corporate boundaries
- Questions