

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ISO 14001

SURVEILLANCE OF CHARLESTON WATER SYSTEM

MARCH 14 – 16, 2006

During the referenced period, Advanced Waste Management Systems, Inc. (AWM), an accredited ISO 14001 registrar, conducted an annual surveillance audit of Charleston Water System (CWS) in order to maintain surveillance of the continued conformance of CWS' Environmental Management System (EMS). In addition, the EMS was audited for conformance with the revised ISO 14001: 2004 standard. The Departments audited were Administration, Design and Construction, Environmental Resources – Plum Island facility, Facilities, Fleet, the Hanahan Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Collection, and Water Distribution. It was the audit team's recommendation that AWM continue the registration of CWS to ISO 14001 and convert the registration to the revised ISO 14001: 2004 standard.

AWM audited specific elements of ISO 14001 in accordance with the audit plan. The audit team conducted the audit by examination of documentation, sample observations of activities at each facility, and by interviews with targeted and randomly selected employees.

The audit team was particularly impressed with the pervasiveness of CWS' EMS throughout all functions and levels of the organization, including the level of knowledge of CWS' employees and the extent of management's involvement in the system. Interviews with employees throughout CWS confirmed not only an awareness of the Environmental Policy and EMS, but also an enthusiasm for making the EMS a part of their work culture.

No nonconformances were issued during the audit. The audit team concluded that the CWS EMS is fully implemented and functional. The audit team found that the procedures in place for periodic evaluation and review of compliance with relevant environmental legislation and regulations appear to be effective. In addition, CWS demonstrates the commitment and capability to fulfill its Environmental Policy through maintenance of its environmental management system, including the commitment to pollution prevention.