

Environmental Data Management, Analysis, and Compliance Systems - Rethinking the Creation and Use of Emissions Data by the Regulated Community

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Environmental Data

- Traditional view that collection of environmental data is the cost of doing business
- Businesses are moving towards view that environmental data are part of the business model:
 - economic
 - societal
 - environmental

Evolving View of Environmental Data

- Increased Costs of Regulatory Non-Compliance
- Better Real-time Data Acquisition & Analysis Tools
- Leveraging Enterprise and ERP Systems
- Introduction of Market Trading Systems
- Responsible Corporate Citizenship
- Availability of Enterprise Environmental DBMS
- Corporate Merger and Acquisition Hyperactivity

Determining Environmental Data Value

- Comparing current costs with costs after implementing an environmental data management system.
- Estimating costs that are avoided or minimized when accomplished under a different paradigm
- Estimating and quantifying benefits to be realized by using compulsory data gathered at a local level to generate information for decision making at a global level.

What is an Environmental ROI?

The standard Return on Investment (ROI) is:

$$ROI = (Return - Cost) / Cost$$

It's all about the bottom line...

- The practical difficulty of calculating ROI is quantifying each variable. How would one factor in such variables as:
 - technological innovation
 - competitive edge gained through minimizing pollution and maximizing process efficiency
 - customer loyalty by being a good environmental corporate citizen
- USEPA & Others are developing ROI methods
 - Quantifiable models for business concepts
- Critical purpose is how to increase ROI

The ROI Over Time...

- One approach is to use net present value:
 - Calculate future savings in terms of current dollars and map that to investment costs
- Another approach is to use internal rate of return:
 - Focus exclusively on future cash flows derived from an asset or investment

Extending the Environmental ROI ...

- The ROI can be extended to calculate the benefit of environmental data management, analysis and compliance software:

$$ROI = (Saving - Derived Income) / Investment$$

- Savings through optimized engineering processes
- Derived income calculated from improved processes
- Cost of creating the savings

Extending the Environmental ROI ...

- Key Factors to consider
 - Cost
 - Calculating the cost of the environmental data management, analysis and compliance software is the first place to start. Additional costs are equipment upgrades / replacements
 - Deployment Timing
 - Time to deployment will directly impact internal business efficiencies, either by disrupting them, or by delaying the availability of a new service
 - Environmental Data History

Extending the Environmental ROI ...

- Key Factors to consider (cont.)
 - Environmental Data History
 - Should measure improvement against a past condition. If there is no prior history, then one should measure changes in the condition after the system is installed and operational.

Maximize Environmental Data Management ROI ...

- There are two key purposes for which an environmental ROI can be used:
 - Evaluate environmental data management, analysis and compliance systems to identify the cost benefits of implementation
 - Use the environmental ROI to manage the environmental data as a corporate asset to contribute to the success of the company
 - Maximizing the environmental ROI can contribute, sometimes significantly, to the bottom line of a company

Environmental Data Management Analysis, Compliance System

- Based upon maximizing an environmental ROI, an EDMACS should have:
 - Event Tracking Module > must have flexible, industrial strength scheduling and tracking
 - Interface with Corporate Systems > must produce benefits company wide
 - Real Time Data Acquisition > compare conditions with measurements real time
 - Maintenance & Leak Detection > equipment is running optimally if pollution is minimized
 - Maintain Extensive History Information for Record Keeping and Analysis > to increase ROI one needs to know pollution history

Commercial Environmental Data Management Systems

- Compliance Centric Systems
 - Focus on meeting regulatory requirements
 - Many systems available
- Environmental ROI-Centric Systems
 - Assist with maximizing ROI while meeting the obligations of compliance and regulatory activities
 - Minimize ongoing system costs
 - Environmental objectives are incorporated into the business plan

Ennovation Suite

- Environmental ROI-Centric System
 - Oracle-based system, PowerBuilder front end
 - Two-tier or Three-tier topology
 - Provides facility compliance functionality:
 - Emission Inventory – air, waste & storm water, waste streams
 - Facility Management – facility & process information for all facilities
 - Compliance & Permits – maintain conditions and measurements, regulatory requirements
 - Data Exchange Interface – interface with other databases, systems
 - Laboratory Information Management System Interface
 - Environmental Data Acquisition – interface with real time data loggers

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- Key ROI Centric components are:
 - Environmental Data Repository > extensive use of flexible attributes to add new information
 - Scheduling and Event Tracking > fully customizable automated event scheduling and tracking
 - Analysis and Reporting System > facilitates comparison and analysis of environmental data using statistical methods, e.g., Monte Carlo, iterative models, maximum likelihood estimates, risk assessment, ROI calculations
 - ERP Interface > data exchange with Enterprise Resource Planning software