

# Integration of Corporate and Services into the EMS of an Electrical Utility

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### Environmental Management within the Hydro Group

- Environmental management since 1975
- Program management at the Corporate level
- Internally developed EMS in early 1990's
- ISO 14001 in 1997
- Lead to environmental management at the facility/area level



## Environmental Commitment and Responsibility Program

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- CEA co-ordinated
- Approved in 1997
- ISO 14001 EMS cornerstone
- Condition of membership
- Corporate and generation by end of '99
- T&D and other by end of '02



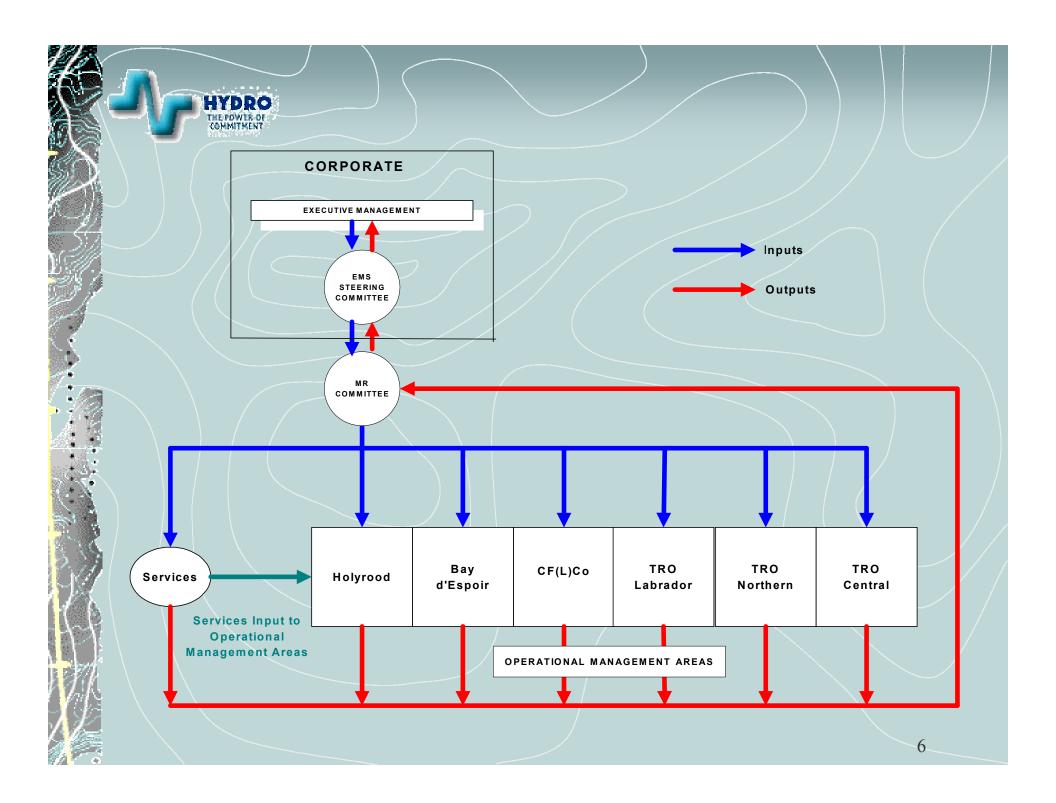
#### The Problem

- "Corporate" defined as "those components of an EMS that must be in place to enable the operating business unit's EMS components to function: corporate policy on the environment, delegation of responsibilities, performance reporting, environmental auditing programs etc."
- Others components could include engineering, procurement, environmental services, legal services



#### The Problem (cont'd)

- Three principles established early:
  - All activities, products and services would be included
  - All staff would be included
  - Business structure, and existing roles, responsibilities and accountabilities would be unaltered
- How would all the "Corporate" components be included?



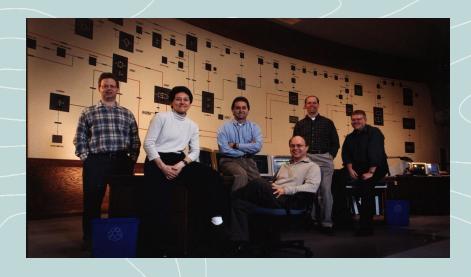


#### **Discussion - Corporate EMS**

- Executive Management included and supportive
- EMS Steering Committee membership critical
- Directors/Managers included in this MA
- Long-term status of EMS a concern (eg. SEA)
- Boundary with Services MA can be blurred (eg. Environmental Services)
- Cost associate with auditing and registration



#### Discussion - Services EMS



- Approach working effectively but boundaries can be blurred
- Environmental aspect different in Service groups
- "Top Management" a collegial approach membership critical
- EMS built over time causing identity problems
- Cost associate with auditing and registration



#### **Discussion - MR Committee**

- Critical for the functioning of the overall EMS
- Benefits are:
  - Exchange of information and ideas
  - Maintenance of consistency throughout
  - Critical communication point between Corporate and the operational management areas
  - Integration and mentoring of new MRs

