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Industry White Paper Identifies Qualities of an Agile EMIS Solution

TEMPE, Ariz. - June 28, 2005 - The most agile Compliance Management Systems (CMS) on the market today can help organizations drowning in Environmental, Health & Safety (EH&S) data to centralize regulatory processes while enhancing risk management and overall business performance, according to a new white paper.



An agile CMS helps organizations to push compliance tasks to the operations level, enabling staff members to fulfill their EH&S responsibilities in the course of their regular assignments, with only incremental effort. As a result, organizations are reaping substantial business advantages, according to "Agile Compliance Management Systems for Environmental, Health & Safety," a white paper by Lexicon Systems, LLC, that advises organizations on how to select a capable EH&S management information system - one that addresses the appropriate compliance needs, helps to manage risk and generates new benefits for the enterprise.

Based on 10 principles of agile process development that originated in the Japanese software industry in the late 1990s, the paper says an agile CMS must be modular, iterative, time-bound, economical, adaptive, incremental, convergent, people-oriented, collaborative and complementary.

"Agile CMS can provide a number of direct, or 'hard,' benefits that improve an organization's ability to manage risk and provide a solid Return on Investment (ROI)," the paper reports. "In addition, agile CMS provide many indirect, or 'soft,' benefits that are more difficult to quantify, but may represent even greater potential advantages to that organization."

In the paper, *Essential Compliance Manager*[™] and *Essential Task Manager*[™] were identified as examples of CMS software that is designed to transform EH&S data into the information needed to support regulatory reporting and performance metrics that reduce operational expenses and risk. Both modules are part of the *Essential Suite*[™] solutions portfolio by ESS.

Download a free copy of the whitepaper.

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