

567—111.4(455J) Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

“*Annual report*” means the required submittal to the department that documents an environmental management system’s compliance with the requirements of Iowa Code section 455J.3.

“*Aspect*” means an element of a planning or service area’s activities or operations that can interact with the environment.

“*Audit*” means a planned, objective and documented assessment, either done internally by the program participant or its designee or externally by an independent third party, to determine the performance of a planning or service area’s system in relation to the designation requirements.

“*Department*” means the department of natural resources.

“*Environmental management system*” or “*EMS*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 455J.2(5).

“*Environmental policy*” means a statement by the planning or service area that includes:

1. The planning or service area’s intentions and principles in relation to its overall environmental performance, which provides a framework for action and for setting environmental objectives and targets; and

2. The planning or service area’s commitment to environmental compliance and continuous improvement.

“*Fenceline*” means the geographic area and the operations, facilities, and programs that the planning or service area has the ability to influence.

“*Impact*” means any change to the environment, whether adverse or beneficial, from an aspect of a planning or service area’s activities or operations.

“*Objective*” means an overall and quantifiable environmental goal arising from the planning or service area’s environmental policy.

“*Plan component*” means each of the six areas that are required to be addressed in an environmental management system, including: organics waste management, hazardous household materials collection, water quality improvement, greenhouse gas reduction, recycling services, and environmental education.

“*Planning area*” means the same as defined in rule 567—100.2(455B,455D).

“*Service area*” means that portion of a planning area that has been identified by the planning area to be a participant in the program. Only the service area is eligible for the program incentives described in Iowa Code section 455J.5.

“*Target*” means a detailed and quantifiable performance requirement that must be set and met in order to achieve the environmental objective. An objective may have several targets.

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