Typical ERP Cycle

STEP 1: INVENTORY
Identify the universe of facilities in the chosen sector. Determine the number of facilities that need to be inspected for a statistically valid sample.

STEP 2: BASELINE INSPECTIONS
Develop a uniform inspection format specific to the target sector. Conduct inspections at a sample of randomly-selected facilities. Take enforcement action as applicable.

STEP 3: EVALUATE
Review results from Step 2 to determine if sector needs compliance improvement. If baseline inspections show high rates of compliance, continuing an ERP approach might not be efficient.

STEP 4: COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE
Work with trade associations and others to develop and deliver plain-language user-friendly assistance that improves compliance and best management practice awareness.

STEP 5: SELF-AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE STATUS CERTIFICATION
Develop self-audit checklist closely linked to Step 4 materials and distribute to the full universe of facilities. Facilities conduct self-audits and certify results – a technique commonly used by traditional enforcement programs.

STEP 6: EVALUATE
Review results from Step 5 to identify potential problem facilities to target for additional assistance and/or for compliance inspections. Take enforcement action as applicable.

STEP 7: COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS
Use the same inspection format developed in Step 2 to conduct inspections at a sample of randomly-selected facilities.

STEP 8: EVALUATE
Review results from Step 7 to verify facility self-certification results from Step 5 and to determine performance changes from Step 2. Take enforcement action as applicable.

STEP 9: INFORMED DECISION-MAKING
Assess performance data and changes to determine whether to adjust strategies before beginning again at Step 4.

Repeat until compliance is widespread, sufficient, and maintained and/or resources are required elsewhere.

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