# Supplement Training: Environmental Management System Awareness Orientation

## 1. Environmental Management System Awareness

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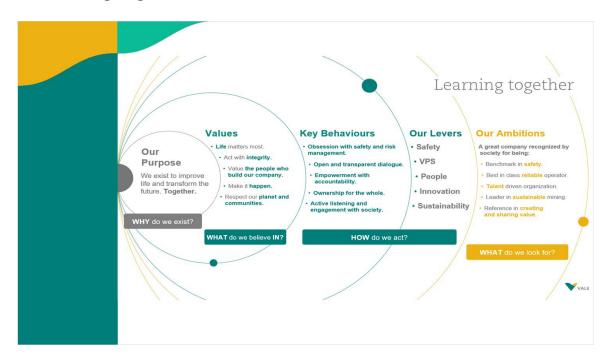
#### 1.3 Learning Objectives

# **Learning Objectives:**

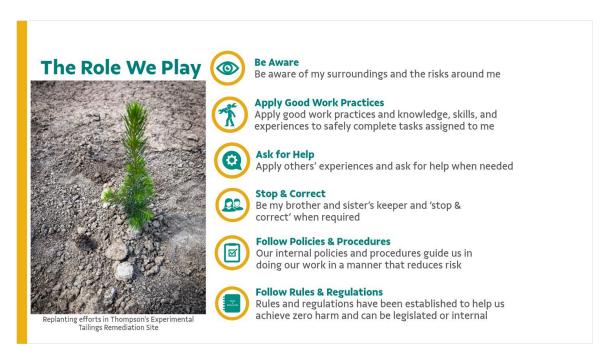
This course will provide a general overview of the Environmental Management System (EMS) for Vale Canadian Operations. At the end of this course, each person will be aware of:

- Vale's commitment to protection of the environment, including the Environmental Policy;
- Significant Environmental Aspects that apply at Vale Canadian sites;
- Contributions and responsibilities of all employees with respect to the EMS and protecting the environment;
- The implications of not following EMS requirements and compliance obligations.

## 1.4 Learning Together



#### 1.5 The Role We Play



## 2. Environmental Policy

#### 2.1 Environmental Policy

# 2. Environmental Policy

#### 2.2 Application and Commitment

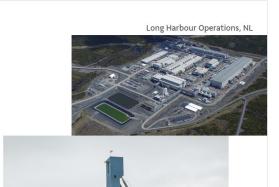
# **Application and Commitment**

#### **Application:**

This Environmental Policy **applies to Vale operating sites within Canada**, where mining, milling, smelting and/or refining activities take place to produce nickel, copper, cobalt and precious metal products.

#### **Commitment:**

Vale Canadian Operations are committed to the **protection of the environment**, through pollution prevention, sustainable use of water and energy, and effective management of our waste streams. We will act responsibly, respecting the local environment and communities where we operate.

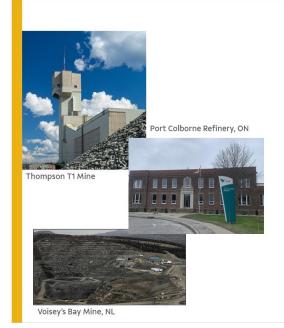


#### 2.3 Vale Canada will

#### Vale Canadian Operations will:

- establish, maintain and continually improve an environmental management system for operating sites within Canada
- routinely assess the environmental aspects of our activities, products and services under normal, abnormal and emergency conditions, to ensure that the environmental risks and opportunities of our operations are managed effectively
- fulfill our environmental compliance obligations
- establish environmental objectives, identify actions and measure progress towards achieving identified targets, with the goal of continuous improvement of environmental performance
- promote awareness, involvement, and competence in environmental management for all employees and contractors whose actions have the potential to impact the environment
- communicate our environmental performance to local communities and other stakeholders

#### 2.4 Accountability



# Accountability

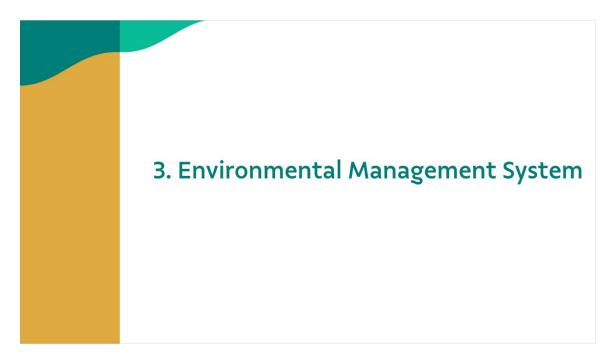
The **leadership teams** for the Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario and Manitoba environmental management system jurisdictions are **accountable for environmental performance**, through the implementation of an effective environmental management system.

This will be achieved by **integrating environmental risk management** into Vale's business processes, providing resources, communicating the importance of environmental risk management within the workforce, and promoting continual improvement in environmental performance.

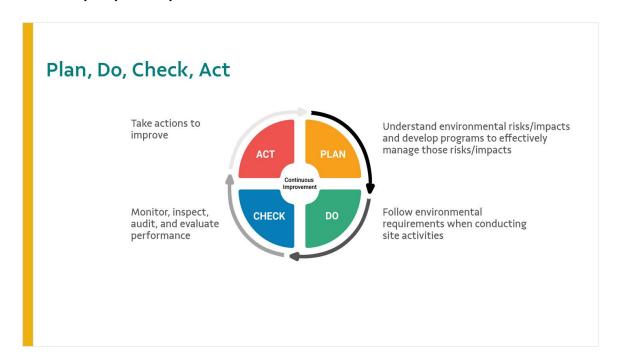
**Employees and contractors are responsible** for taking the actions necessary to **protect the environment** within the scope of their work activities and in accordance with this policy.

# 3. Environmental Management System

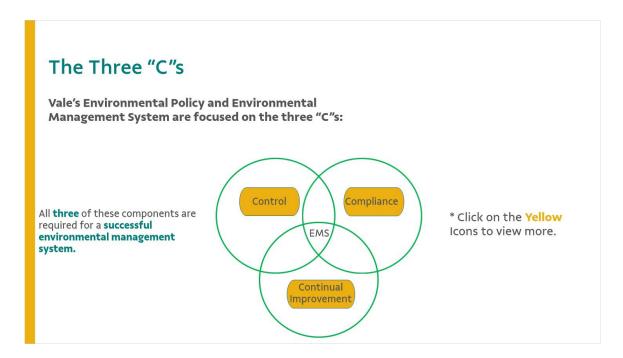
## 3.1 Environmental Management System



#### 3.2 Plan, Do, Check, Act



#### 3.3 The Three Cs Test



#### **Control (Slide Layer)**

# The Three "C"s

#### Control:

 Work activities, procedures, maintenance and other actions to prevent or minimize impacts to the environment

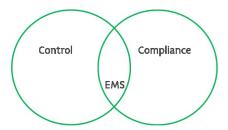


## **Compliance (Slide Layer)**

## The Three "C"s

#### Compliance:

 Legal requirements for protection of the environment and other environmental commitments Vale has made to its stakeholders

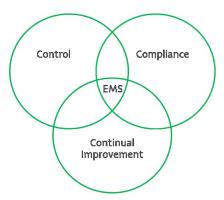


## **Continual Improvement (Slide Layer)**

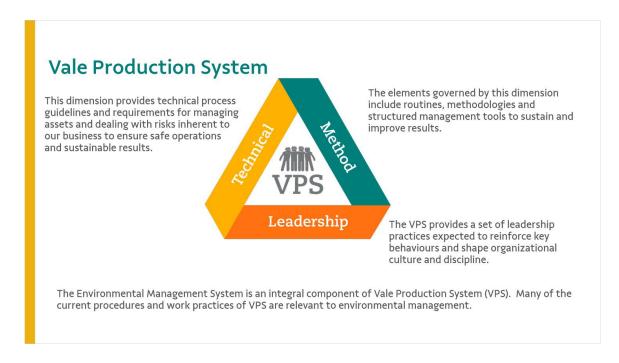
# The Three "C"s

#### **Continual Improvement:**

Seeking opportunities to improve environmental performance

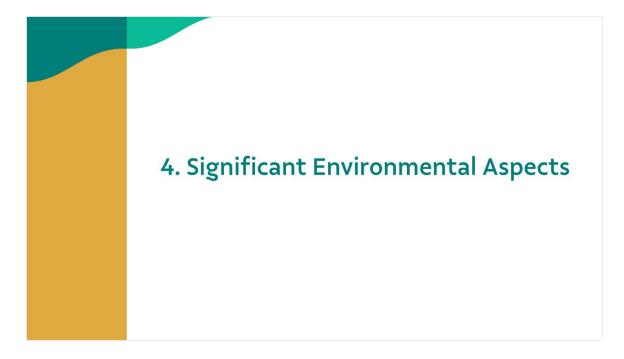


#### 3.4 EMS and VPS



# 4. Significant Environmental Aspects

#### 4.1 Significant Environmental Aspects



#### 4.2 Air Emissions



Copper Cliff Smelter, O

Street Sweeper Clearing Dust from Road, ON

Ambient Air Monitoring Station, ON

#### **Air Emissions**

Air emissions can include gases, metals and dust. They can be emitted from point sources, such as stacks, vents and return air raises. Air emissions can also result from outdoor activities, such as material handling, track-out of material, stockpiling and driving on site roads. This significant aspect also includes greenhouse gas emissions and noise.

There are legal requirements for maintaining air emissions within acceptable ranges. Many sites with significant dust sources also have a Dust Management Plan. Workers must follow these requirements to reduce dust emissions from site activities.





#### 4.3 Energy Consumption



Voisey's Bay Diesel Power Plant, NL

Hydroelectric Power Generation, ON

Renewable Energy Projects

# Energy Consumption

Mining and mineral processing are energy-intensive processes. Vale is committed to conserving energy and reducing emissions of greenhouse gases where possible, while continuing to maximize production. A Low Carbon Forum team is evaluating energy usage and determining appropriate conservation projects.

It is important for all workers to be mindful of electricity, natural gas and fuel usage and to conserve where possible.



Just like you do at home to save money on your electricity bills, turn off the lights or equipment when not in use. Don't idle vehicles.

#### 4.4 Water Consumption



#### 4.5 Wastewater



#### 4.6 Solid and Hazardous Waste



# Hazardous Waste

What can you do?

workers in site-specific environmental training.

All workers should follow the specific site requirements and place waste into the correct bins to allow for effective reuse, recycling, landfilling and/or transportation to a licensed waste facility. Hazardous waste must only be placed in designated hazardous waste storage areas.

Take the effort to separate wastes and dispose of them in the correct bins. If you need more or different types of waste bins in your work area, talk to your supervisor.

#### 4.7 Spills



# **Spills**

Releases to the natural environment are regulated by law. Workers must report all surface spills to their supervisor/coach and spills must be cleaned up by qualified individuals. It is important to follow the spill response procedures of the site you are working on, which are communicated to you through site-specific environmental training. The environmental team will determine the need to report spills to regulatory agencies, depending on the nature and extent of the spill and legal requirements.



Spills are preventable. All workers should take precautions to prevent spills when handling fuels and chemicals. Report spills to your supervisor/coach.

#### 4.8 Natural Ecosystems



# Natural Ecosystems

Natural Ecosystems is a term used to describe natural areas that have not been impacted by site activities. This includes aquatic and terrestrial habitats and the wildlife that live in these areas. It is important to preserve natural ecosystems. Natural areas are monitored as part of site and legal requirements.



If you see **wildlife on-site**, **report** it to the environmental team. Work should **not be conducted in natural areas without review** by the environmental team to ensure proper permitting and mitigation plans are in place.

#### 4.9 Closure Planning



# **5. Continual Improvement**

#### **5.1 Continual Improvement**

# 5. Continual Improvement

# **5.2 Environmental Objectives**

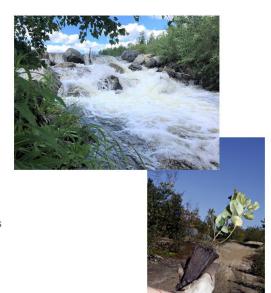
#### **Environmental Objectives**

Every year, Vale Canadian Operations establishes environmental objectives and targets for continual improvement.

Vale has global long-term objectives for the following:

- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Water conservation
- Rehabilitation of degraded areas

Performance against environmental objectives and targets is actively tracked and reported, with the goal of improving environmental performance over time.



#### **5.3 Environmental Non-Conformities**

#### **Environmental Non-Conformities**

An environmental non-conformity is a **failure** to follow an **environmental requirement**.

Non-conformities may be identified through site audits and inspections or directly as a result of a specific event (such as a spill).

Non-conformities are **investigated** to **identify the root causes and corrective actions** are put in place **to prevent** it from happening again.

Addressing the root causes of non-conformities is another way of improving the environmental management system.





If you see something you think might be a non-conformity, report it to your supervisor/coach, who can discuss it with the environmental team.

See Something, Say Something!

# 6. Contributions and Responsibilities of Workers

#### 6.1 Contributions and Responsibilities of Workers



#### 6.2 Contributions of Workers

# Contributions of Workers

The effectiveness of the Environmental Management System and environmental performance at Vale Canadian Operations depends on the contribution of all workers.



Copper Cliff Smelter Converter Aisle Control Room, Sudbury, ON



If you have a **suggestion** for an environmental improvement in your work area, **discuss it with your supervisor/coach** or submit a Kaizen.

**Get involved** in environmental events and activities.

Do what you can in your daily activities to protect the environment.

**Report spills and other events** that may negatively impact the environment.

#### 6.3 Responsibilities of Workers

# Responsibilities of Workers

It is important to **understand your responsibilities** within the environmental management system. If you are **unsure**, **stop and ask.** 

Site–specific environmental training is provided to all workers to further **define the specific environmental requirements at each site**.

Failure to follow site environmental requirements will jeopardize the success of the environmental management system and may result in legal penalties to Vale and to individuals.



Port Colborne Refinery, ON

Remember, we all have a role to play in the success of Vale's Environmental Management System!

## 7. Conclusions

#### 7.1 Conclusions and Quiz



## 7.2 Conclusions Cont'd



