23.404 Environmental management systems.

Agencies *may* implement an *environmental* management system (EMS) when it aligns with and supports its agency's mission needs and facilitates implementation and progress toward <u>E.O. 14057</u> goals. If an agency uses an EMS for contractor operation of Government-owned or -leased facilities or vehicles, and contractor activities affect the agency's *environmental* management aspects—

- (a) EMS requirements *shall* be included in contracts to ensure proper implementation and execution of EMS roles and responsibilities; and
- (b) The contracting officer shall—
- (1) Specify the EMS directives with which the contractor must comply; and
- (2) Ensure contractor compliance to the same extent as the agency would be required to comply if the agency operated the facilities or vehicles.

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