On October 24, 2011, during the Transportation and Environment Committee meeting, Bureau Veritas Certification North America, Inc. came to Dallas City Hall to present a plaque to the City of Dallas to mark the successful recertification of the City's Environmental Management System to the ISO 14001:2004 standards.

The City's Environmental Management System, or EMS, is a process that works to identify and minimize those elements within the organization's operations that have an impact on the environment. Eleven different City departments are actively involved in the EMS that guides the decisions and actions of most City employees.

Through a series of third-party audits with Bureau Veritas, the City's EMS has been maintained and improved to reduce the chances of negative environmental impacts from accidents or incident by replacing ineffective systems, retraining personnel and empowering staff to speak up when they see an opportunity to improve the way the City of Dallas meets the needs of the residents while protecting the surroundings that make this our home.

Mr. Chris Koci, Director of Operations for Bureau Veritas, presented the plaque to Councilmember Linda Koop, Chairperson, and the members of the Transportation and Environment Committee in City Hall.

"I'm very excited to be here today," Mr. Koci remarked in his opening statement, "to recognize the City of Dallas for an outstanding performance." Bureau Veritas, or BV, with the assistance of the Office of Environmental Quality and the EMS departments, recently performed a recertification audit on the City's EMS to ensure it complied with the International Organization for Standardization, ISO, standard for environmental management. "We just did the recertification this year which was successful which lets us know that the City of Dallas is in compliance," and that the City's "management systems are doing a very, very excellent job" he said as he presented the recertification plaque to the City of Dallas.

Councilmember Koop shared with the newest members of the City Council who were not present at the initial certification that the City of Dallas is the first city in the United States to be ISO 14001 certified. Councilmember Sheffield "Sheffie" Kadane accompanied Ms. Koop as she accepted the plaque from Mr. Koci. Kris Sweckard, Managing Director of the Office of Environmental Quality, recognized the City staff for their work in making the Environmental Management System successful.