



Certify Your Environmental Management System

ISO 14001:2015

Changes in the 2015 Version

The most significant change to ISO 14001:2015 is the move to an annex SL structure. This structure is based on ten sections. The current version, ISO 14001:2015, released September 15, 2015, focuses more on harmonization with other ISO standards than introduction of significant changes to the requirements. The annex SL structure is the basis of the harmonization, as all ISO management system standards will move towards the same 10 sections and will share approximately 30% of the same requirements. Organizations using multiple management systems (e.g. Quality and Environmental) will benefit, as integration of these systems is far less complicated. In addition, organizations that integrate two or more systems will enjoy a cost reduction up to 20%, depending on the degree of integration.

Achieving Your Environmental and Economic Goals

ISO 14001 is an international standard for Environmental Management Systems (EMS). It is intended to provide your organization with the elements of an effective environmental management system which can be integrated with other management system requirements.

ISO 14001:2015 has ten sections. Three sections are general information for your company about the standard and are not auditable. Certification focuses on the seven key auditable sections:

- Context of the Organization
- Leadership
- Planning
- Support
- Operation
- Performance Evaluation
- Improvement

Benefits of an Effective Environmental Management System

When your company has implemented an effective EMS you can:

- Assure customers of your commitment to demonstrate environmental management
- Maintain good public/community relations
- Obtain insurance at reasonable cost

- Enhance your company's image and market share
- Meet customer certification criteria
- Improve your company's cost control
- Reduce incidents that result in liability
- Demonstrate due diligence
- Conserve input materials and energy
- Facilitate your attainment of necessary permits and authorizations
- Foster the development and sharing of environmental solutions
- Improve your company's relationships with local, state, and federal governments

The International Organization for Standardization expressed the intention of using a management system approach in its published document "Expected Outcome for Accredited Certification":

"For the defined certification scope, an organization with a certified environmental management system is managing its interactions with the environment and is demonstrating its commitment to:

- Preventing pollution
- Meeting applicable legal and other requirements
- Continually enhancing its environmental management system in order to achieve improvements in its overall environmental performance."

Steps for ISO 14001 Registration:

1. Contact SRI for answers to questions and request an information package about SRI's registration steps.
2. Review the information, complete, and return the registration survey to SRI.
3. SRI will provide a formal cost proposal based on your survey information.
4. Choose SRI and complete a new client application. Submit along with an application fee, purchase order, and the signed proposal.
5. An off-site documentation review is optional. Such a review may be either on- or off-site.
6. You and SRI will establish the timing for a pre-assessment (optional) and schedule the Stage 1 and Stage 2 assessments.
7. The pre-assessment (lower-level documentation review, element sampling, audit process review) is optional. However, if conducted and results satisfy Stage 1 expectations, it could replace the Stage 1 audit.

8. SRI conducts Stage 2 audit: a full on-site examination of objective evidence that confirms your EMS meets the ISO 14001 requirements. The Stage 2 audit concludes with a post-audit conference, an assessment review, and our assessor's recommendations on approval.
9. You submit any corrective action responses to SRI, which the assessor reviews for acceptance.
10. Once your company meets all registration requirements, you will be asked to sign a registration agreement.
11. SRI will issue a registration certificate and include your company in relevant public listings.
12. SRI returns periodically, pre-announced, to assess portions of your system. Value-added observations Opportunities for Improvement" and "Best Practices Observed" are provided.

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When you choose SRI for your EMS registration services, you also benefit from a number of value-added attributes. SRI provides:

- EMS professionals with extensive industrial environmental experience
- EMS Lead Auditors who are also trained and qualified as Quality Management System auditors, which supports SRI's ability to provide cost-effective, integrated QMS/EMS auditing
- Surveillance that takes place on a regular basis, undertaken at least once a year
- Opportunities for Improvement (OFIs) which represent value-added observations made by our auditors

EMS Training

SRI also offers EMS public training for ISO 14001:2015, which is taught by SRI's practicing lead auditors. For more information, visit: www.SRICourses.com.

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- SRI uses the **same audit team across audit events** for greater consistency and effectiveness
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