

An Environmental Management System based upon the **BS EN ISO 14001:2004** standard helps to effectively control corporate environmental effects. Many customers, when selecting suppliers, prefer organisations who are ISO 14001 certificated, by a recognised third party.

Some key **Features** of the ISO 14001 standard include...

- *Environmental Policy, Procedures and control over environmental documentation and records*
- *Evaluation of Environmental Aspects and Impacts, significance assessment and control measures*
- *Establishing applicable Legal / Regulatory Requirements and Evaluating Compliance*
- *Operational Control (i.e. Physical / Managerial precautions necessary to protect the environment)*
- *Management Planning, Objective & Target Setting, Monitoring/Measurement and Review*
- *Definition of Roles, Responsibility & Authority and Internal/External Communication Processes*
- *Resources (Competence, Training & Awareness / maintenance of appropriate infrastructure)*
- *Emergency Preparedness and Response (i.e. being ready to deal with an environmental incident)*
- *Nonconformity, Corrective and Preventive Actions (i.e. dealing with problems and improving)*
- *Independent/Impartial Internal Auditing*

The **Benefits** of implementing the principles of ISO 14001 would typically include...

- *More formal control over legal compliance issues, reducing the risk of environmental prosecution*
- *Efficiency improvements, for example, reduction in energy consumption and material wastage*
- *Improvements in the 'green' profile of the organisation, when marketing or bidding for work*

The first step in establishing an Environmental Management System is to undertake a premises audit and gap analysis, ascertaining relative compliance to ISO 14001 and legal requirements. (Including issues such as; Waste Duty of Care, Chemical Handling, Energy Usage, Statutory Nuisances, Effluent & Emissions, etc) Once the current situation is clear, we commence with development of the EMS, in a format which is suitable for the individual organisation.

Since 1989 we have developed and implemented environmental management systems for organisations, from a hugely diverse range of public and private industries, from very small businesses, through to companies of over 1000 people. Now ISO 14001 registered many of these clients retain our services to help maintain their certification and facilitate improvement.

Whist we are independent and can work with any UKAS regulated certification body, in 2007 we were approved by the British Standards Institution (BSI) as associate consultants, meaning that when their own clients require support, they are happy to recommend Admac's services.

Our style is not just to act purely as advisors, nor is it to carry out the entire project upon our client's behalf... we aim for a balance in-between the two. The result that we work to achieve is a comprehensive, bespoke environmental system, which is owned and understood by the client, without needing to tie down large amounts of time from our client's representatives.

Cost:- Due to differing complexity, scale and the timeframe in which certification is desired, our normal approach is to make a brief, free of charge, visit to our clients site, to clarify specific requirements, from which we prepare an individual quotation for our support services.



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