



Sustainability

The ISO 14001 standard is for companies with the vision to implement a strategic approach for environment-related issues.

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ISO 14001 is an international standard for Environmental Management Systems (EMS) which establishes a framework for developing, implementing and maintaining an EMS. It is similar to the ISO 9001 standard, but applied to the environment. The standard provides continual improvement for environmental performance, practices, control and regulatory compliance. It also seeks to balance a company's environmental management with its business requirements, promoting greater interaction between a company and its "external interested parties."

Why implement ISO 14001?

The ISO 14001 standard is a practical tool for the CEO who is not satisfied with mere compliance with legislation – which may be perceived as a cost of doing business. It is for the proactive CEO with the vision to understand that implementing a strategic approach can bring return on investment in environment-related measures. ISO 14001 fosters environmental sustainability, not only for the firm, but for the firm's customers. Increasingly ISO 14001 is a supply chain tool in which customers require their vendors to become certified.

The systematic ISO 14001:2004 approach requires the organization to take a hard look at all areas where its activities have an environmental impact. And it can lead to benefits like the following:

- Reduced cost of waste management
- Savings in consumption of energy and materials
- Lower distribution costs
- Improved corporate image among regulators, customers and the public
- Framework for continual improvement of environmental performance.

Steps towards implementation: MANTEC has the resources to assist manufacturers in all facets of ISO 14001 implementation.

- Determine the requirements of the ISO 14001 international standard for EMS
- Provide guidance on how to conform to these requirements
- Train employees to audit the system to the Standard on a regularly scheduled basis
- Prepare for the third-party certification audit for independent verification of the Standard

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