



# Environmental Management System

ISO 14001

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**Sustaining the environment and conserving natural resources is a top priority for many organizations around the world. Companies use an Environmental Management System (EMS) to achieve a better evaluation of the environmental impact of their activities and products, to develop metrics and improve results.**

An effective EMS allows organizations to continuously improve operational environmental protection. Prevention of risk, adherence to legal and other requirements, and improved environmental awareness among employees are additional benefits that offer competitive advantages and help secure growth and success for the future. With a certificate to ISO 14001, organizations show their customers, partners and the interested public that they have accepted responsibility for the environment.

## Getting Started

Below are a few questions that will help any organization identify the critical success factors for implementation of an EMS:

- *How can environmental risks be recognized as early as possible?*
- *How do you ensure adherence to legal and regulatory requirements?*
- *How do you prevent and/or manage environmental impacts?*
- *How do you effectively control environmental protection in your organization?*
- *What do you do to make your products more environmentally friendly?*
- *How do you encourage your employees to support environmental protection?*
- *How can you display your environmental activities to customers and other interested parties?*



## Conformity and Value Generation

DQS Inc. will provide an independent and expert assessment of your management system assuring top management that the system conforms to the requirements of the standard. The insight gained from an audit on whether or not the management

system is suitable for achieving the desired results is critically important. DQS Inc. will suggest improvements and support your decision making process.

The increasing popularity of ISO 14001 demonstrates that organizations, regardless of size, are realizing the benefits of implementing an EMS. Based on positive experiences and return on investment, many ISO 14001 certified companies are asking their suppliers for evidence of certification. This is especially true in the automotive industry. The compatibility with ISO 9001 allows many companies to implement an integrated system that, in turn, allows them to take advantage of synergies. Environmental, Quality and Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems are fundamental tools for corporate management. Implementation of these systems demonstrates acceptance of responsibility and the intention to prevent the waste of resources.

## Benefits of an Environmental Management System

- *Improve operational environmental protection*
- *Reduce environmental risks*
- *Improve environmental performance*
- *Realize cost savings*
- *Fulfill customer requirements*
- *Enhance image*
- *Develop competitive advantages*
- *Comply with environmental legislation and regulations*