



# Responsible Care

RC 14001 and RCMS

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## Environmental, Health, Safety and Security (EHSS) Excellence

Responsible Care® (RC) is a global chemical industry performance initiative implemented in the United States (US) and mandatory for members and partners of the American Chemistry Council (ACC). According to the ACC, RC has resulted in reduced emissions by 75 percent, and RC companies have reduced their recordable injury and illness incidence rates by 81 percent since 1990. RC helps America's leading chemical companies and their commercial partners go above and beyond government requirements and openly communicate their results to the public. The RC 14001 management system and Responsible Care Management System® (RCMS) were developed by the ACC to integrate the RC® Guiding Principles, Codes of Management Practice and to transform them into a continuous improvement process based on the Plan-Do-Check-Act management system approach.

For ACC members and partners alike, it is important for companies to focus on how to gain structure, improve credibility and involve employees in their EHSS efforts. These activities should have one common goal: improved performance. This is achieved when organizations focus on continual improvement, demonstrate employee performance and show planned, focused efforts towards achieving the tenet of the RC Guiding Principles.

### Promoting Business

The success of our clients is based on effective and efficient management systems, characterized by:

- clear policies and objectives
- appropriate resources
- structured processes
- measurable results
- continuous improvement

This is where DQS Inc., as an independent partner, assists our clients by providing objective assessments of their RC management systems. In this process, improvement potential is revealed. Exploiting this potential increases performance capability and enhances the satisfaction of our clients, their clients, and other stakeholders.

## Worker Safety Records with RC

According to the ACC, Responsible Care companies have:

- An employee safety record that is five times better than the average U.S. manufacturing sector as a whole
- Almost three times better employee safety record than the business of chemistry overall
- Reduced their recordable injury and illness incidence rates by 81 percent since 1990