ISO 14001 certification is integral to reducing your environmental impact.
The standard applies to all organizations and the environmental aspects of their activities, products and services that can control or influence from a life-cycle perspective.

What is ISO 14001?
The standard specifies environmental management system (EMS) requirements that enhance your organization’s environmental performance. You can learn to systematically manage the environmental responsibilities that contribute to sustainability.

Key benefits
An ISO 14001 EMS can provide value to the environment, the organization itself and interested parties. Consistent with your environmental policy, EMS outcomes include:

- Environmental performance enhancement
- Fulfillment of compliance obligations
- Risk avoidance
- Achievement of environmental objectives
- Brand growth

Align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals
Implementing ISO 14001 can contribute to:

- Sustainable cities and communities
- Responsible consumption and production
- Life on land
- Peaceful societies
Using our vast dataset, we have identified the standard’s key pain points.

Pinpointing the pain points

Main pain points

Each standard has its own problems that must be overcome if you want to achieve the greatest benefits. Here are some key pain points to consider early on:

- Understanding the standard’s requirements
- Understanding and determining the context, issues, interested parties and relevance
- Identifying aspects, legal requirements and objectives, especially those inconsistent and immeasurable
- Testing and implementation of emergency plans
- Deviations from written procedures
- Monitoring and measurement
- Organizing proper performance evaluation and measurement criteria
- Executing internal audits as planned
ISO 14001 contains several core concepts that, if implemented correctly, can help to enhance your organization.

Some core concepts
- The context of your organization
- Interested parties
- Leadership and commitment
- Address risks and opportunities
- Communications
- Documented information
- Operational planning and control
- Performance evaluation
- Nonconformity and corrections

Cutting to the core
Implementing ISO 14001

It is essential that ISO 14001 is implemented correctly to reap all of the rewards.

Key implementation considerations

- Ensure senior management support and commitment
- Engage the entire organization through internal communications
- Compare your existing systems with the new requirements
- Obtain worker, customer and supplier feedback on current systems
- Create an implementation team
- Define roles, responsibilities and schedules
- Start with the basic principles
- Use training and incentives to encourage employee involvement
- Share knowledge on the standard and consider internal auditor training
- Regularly review the system to ensure continual improvement
Why our ISO 14001 services?

With expertise in all major industries, we understand each sector’s pain points and have the technical skills and logistical capabilities to ensure realistic outcomes.

What we offer

An audit against ISO 14001 from SGS will help your organization to stand out from the crowd by supporting you to develop and improve performance.

In addition, we offer a range of complementary services:

- ISO 14001 EMS Auditor/Lead Auditor Training Course
- ISO 14001 EMS eLearning Bundle (Introduction, Internal Auditor and Implementation)
- ISO 14001 EMS Internal Auditor Training Course
- ISO 14001 EMS Introduction and Implementation eLearning Pathway
- ISO 14001 EMS Introduction and Internal Auditor eLearning Pathway
- ISO 14001 EMS Introduction eLearning Training Course
- ISO 14001 EMS Introduction/Foundation Training Course

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