



Environmental Management Systems

No matter the economic condition, today's world is demanding organizations show greater environmental responsibility. Most organizations see these higher environmental expectations through the demands of their investors, customers, or in some cases, government agencies. One way to responsibly manage how your organization's day-to-day operations interact with the environment is through the proactive use of an environmental management system (EMS).

An EMS should not be cumbersome and it should work seamlessly within the context of your organization. The degree to which an EMS is implemented is largely based on the requirements of an organization's investors or customers. These requirements usually result in a third-party certified EMS. If your organization does not have these pressures, it can still implement a self-certified EMS which does not have the expense of third-party audits.

At BB&E we have an ISO 14001 Lead Auditor trained staff that has experience developing environmental management systems for Fortune 500 Companies as well as working with smaller firms to customize an EMS to meet any need. BB&E can also review and optimize an existing environmental management system that has become too difficult to manage over years of audits and corrective actions.

Some of the EMS services that BB&E staff can provide include:

- Design and implement a custom EMS that meets your organization's needs
- Develop required documented EMS information
- Review and optimize an existing EMS to better align it with the context of your organization
- Conduct ISO 14001:2015 Internal Auditor Training
- Conduct ISO 14001 Internal Audits
- Complete required corrective actions from ISO 14001 internal or external audits
- Provide environmental compliance assessments
- Manage all aspects of an organization's EMS

Other than customer or investor requirements, there are several great reasons to implement an EMS and those reasons can vary depending on the needs of your organization. For example, some insurance companies offer lower pollution liability insurance premiums for organizations that manage environmental risks with an EMS. Other reasons might include:

- Improved compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements
- Improved product time to market as a result of understanding regulatory requirements
- Improved work environment for employees
- Improved public image
- Cost savings from waste reuse, reduction, or recycling

So what is keeping your organization from implementing or optimizing an EMS? We would love an opportunity to speak with you regarding your needs.

