

# ISO 14001:2015

Implementing and maintaining an ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) helps to reduce environmental impact, prevent pollution and comply with related legislation.

ISO 14001 can be used as a tool, focusing on the control of environmental factors and the way in which an organisation's activities, products and services interact with nature (e.g. air, soil or water emissions).

Organisations must define what and how they intend to do to reduce their ecological footprint and record their efforts to demonstrate compliance and improvement. They should set short and long-term targets and implement programme(s) to improve their environmental performance, often with financial benefits.

Organisations should define the processes necessary to meet the legal, regulatory and other requirements that apply to them. In particular, it is important to determine how legislation will affect your organisation so that appropriate measures can be designed, implemented, enforced and periodically evaluated. Organizations should ensure that their employees know and understand these requirements and are aware of the consequences of non-compliance.

## **What is ISO 14001 applicable to?**

By implementing this standard, all organisations, regardless of industry or size, can improve their environmental performance.

## **What are the benefits of ISO 14001 certification?**

- Reduction of the ecological footprint,
- improve environmental performance,
- reducing waste,
- reducing energy consumption,
- preventing pollution and the associated potential fines from public authorities, and
- promoting a life-cycle approach.