

Module Overview

Using ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 to Address Increasing Business Risk Arising from Environment, Health, and Safety (EHS)

Module 1 – Introduction

The introductory module provides instructors and participants with an insight into the background and experience of those attending the course. We recognize the value that participants bring to a session such as this, and our instructors continuously encourage active participation from all participants, at all times. The instructor provides an overview of the program and discusses the objectives for the course.

Module 2 – EHS: A Source of Increasing Business Risk

Anyone who is exposed to children or young adults understands that there is a rising tide of concern about the environment and well being. In this module, the instructor leads the group in a discussion on the quite phenomenal, deeply dynamic and very broad-based growth of concerns about these issues and future developments in this regard. They will also discuss the practical implications of these developments for business.

Module 3 – Are Your Operations Properly Equipped to Address the Rising Challenge from the EHS? If not, why not?

The instructor leads a discussion on participants' concerns about the existing EHS programs within their organization, the obstacles they face in trying to meet established EHS management goals, and the issues which concern them in their capacity as individuals who need to contribute to the development of the EHS function within their organization.

Module 4 – Where is the Organization Today

Where possible the instructor would use recent audit findings to provide the organization's leadership with insights into the current status of EHS management within their operations. This presentation would use photographic material to characterize the sorts of physical issues, which are arising with the operations as well as describing the practical weaknesses in management of EHS, which are giving rise to suboptimal performance outcomes.

Module 5 – ISO 14001/OHSAS 18001: A Checklist For Good EHS Management – A Ten Minute Introduction to the Standards

Those involved in the implementation of ISO 14001 or OHSAS 18001 are often frustrated by the lack of consistency in interpretation of the standards. Managers can, and do, spend many hours in detailed and often futile discussions about the meaning of the standard. ISO 14001 or OHSAS 18001, if read and used in the right way, is a very simple list of common sense actions that an organization should take if they are to properly address EHS issues associated with their operations.

Module 6 - Manage EHS Business Risk

Business leaders should be concerned about the value that certification to ISO 14001 or OHSAS 18001 and similar initiatives bring to their organization. Like its sister standard, ISO 9000, these standards are often criticized because they are costly to implement and – more often than not – deliver little in the way of tangible benefits. Approached in the right way, EHS management systems and their certification can be used to deliver dramatic improvements in EHS performance outcomes, preventing reputation-wrecking incidents, delivering markedly improved compliance with regulations and substantive reductions in impacts on people and the environment arising from normal operations. All are good outcomes for the reputation and the bottom line of the organization.

Module 7 – Certification: Application to Approval

In this segment, the instructor reviews the objectives for each element of the ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 assessment process and how managers can use their certifiers as a positive force to support their efforts to deliver effective management of EHS within their organizations.

Module 8 – Where to From Here and the Role You Should Play

In this module, the instructor will guide the delegates through a series of questions to help set the direction of subsequent actions for them and others in their organizations – all intended to ensure that the organizations are much better equipped to address the increasing business risks arising from EHS aspects.

