

## ISO 14001 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (4.1)

The entire purpose of this section is to clearly state that if an organization desires to maintain and establish an environmental management system pursuant to ISO 14001 that every requirement covered in Section 4, Environmental Management System Requirements, must be addressed. The ISO 14001 standard also contains an "Annex A (Informative) -- Guidance on the use of the specification" section. This section is strictly informative. Nothing contained within Annex A can be utilized in a third party audit process to judge conformance or non-conformance. The only concept contained within ISO 14001 Section 4.1 is that every item contained within Section 4 must be addressed in order to be considered, reviewed and evaluated for compliance with ISO 14001.

### **Section 4 Requirements:**

- 4.2 Environmental Policy
- 4.3 Planning
  - 4.3.1 Environmental Aspects
  - 4.3.2 Legal and Other Requirements
  - 4.3.3 Objectives and Targets
  - 4.3.4 Environmental Management Programs
- 4.4 Implementation and Operation
  - 4.4.1 Structure and Responsibility
  - 4.4.2 Training, Awareness and Competence
  - 4.4.3 Communications
  - 4.4.4 Environmental Management System Documentation
  - 4.4.5 Document Control
  - 4.4.6 Operational Control
  - 4.4.7 Emergency Preparedness and Response
- 4.5 Checking and Corrective Action
  - 4.5.1 Monitoring and Measurement
  - 4.5.2 Nonconformance and Corrective And Preventative Action
  - 4.5.3 Records
  - 4.5.4 Environmental Management Audit
- 4.6 Management Review