

## ISO 14001 LEGAL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS (4.3.2)

In order to be in conformance with this provision of ISO 14001 an organization must be able to demonstrate three specific points. First, the organization must understand which environmental laws and regulations (federal, state and local) govern its operations. Second, it must also be able to explain how the requirements of the appropriate laws and regulations apply to the organization. Third, the organization must be able to demonstrate that it keeps up to date with the appropriate laws and regulations and their specific requirements. In addition if the organization voluntarily subscribes to any environmental guidelines and/or requirements (trade or association principles, consent orders, contracts, etc.) the same three points must be followed. A procedure should be developed and maintained in order to meet the preceding three requirements.

ISO 14001 does not require documentation for the Legal and Other Requirements section (4.3.2). However, the only practical way to demonstrate conformance is to assemble in one place a list and copies of each applicable environmental law, regulation and voluntary subscription along with the supporting permits and/or contracts as evidence.

### Questions That Need To Be Answered

The following questions will need to answered in order To determine whether the Legal and Other Requirements Section meets the intent of ISO 14001:

1. Has the organization developed a procedure to identify applicable environmental legal and regulatory requirements?
2. Has the organization developed a procedure to identify any voluntary requirement to which it subscribes?
3. Does the organization have a procedure to insure completeness and availability of the required documents?
4. Is the information relative to Legal and Other Requirements kept up to date?