17 Elements of ISO 14001 Certification

1.   An environmental policy supported by senior management;

2.   The identification of environmental aspects and impacts, and the identification of significant environmental impacts that the organization may cause;

3.   Identification of environmental compliance requirements;

4.   The development of objectives and targets, and their environmental management programs;

5.   Defined resources, roles, responsibilities and authorities for environmental management;

6.   The development of competence, training and awareness procedures;

7.   A communication process of the EMS to all stakeholders and interested parties;

8.   The development of EMS documentation as required by the standard;

9.   The development of document control procedures;

10.   The development of operational control procedures;

11.   The development of emergency preparedness and response procedures;

12.   The development of procedures to monitor and measure operations that can have significant impact to the environment;

13.   An evaluation of compliance procedure;

14.   Procedures developed for the management of non-conformance, corrective and preventative actions;

15.   The development of a records management procedure;

16.   A program for completing internal EMS audits and corrective actions; and

17.   The development of procedures for management review by senior management.