

# Capability

## Why Audit?

Audits are conducted with a view to improving the overall environmental performance of an organisation or project, through feedback and corrective action responses, communicated through audit results.

Once an Environmental Management System (EMS) has been established and implemented, or a series of Environmental Management Plans completed, verification of the effectiveness of the system is achieved by audits. Audits focus on areas of highest environmental risk as a priority. Areas that (or potentially may) result in a significant environmental impact, or where a serious non-conformance has been identified, must be documented and actioned as a priority.

The ISO 14001 environmental management system standard calls for the requirement for the auditing or the review of an environmental management system (EMS).

## 360 Environmental's Audit Capability

Collectively the staff at 360 Environmental have conducted over 100 audits. Auditors are trained to exceed the qualification criteria as described in ISO 14012 -1996 Guidelines for Environmental Auditing -Qualification Criteria for Environmental Auditors. 360 Environmental auditors are able to provide expert advice, first, second and third party compliance audits for the identification, assessment and management of environmental conditions and for the improvement of environmental performance.

## Services provided by 360 Environmental auditors include:

The total audit procedure can be considered as having four distinct phases:

- preparation and planning
- auditing performance (documentation, activities, people)
- reporting
- feedback and follow-up.

Audit documentation is produced further to agreeing the scope of the audit. Documentation may include environmental commitments or conditions to be audited, procedures under which individual contracts are operating, and/or accepted industry practice and compliance with guidelines.

Any non-compliances and deficiencies found during the audit are documented are linked to corrective actions responses. The status of the corrective actions relating to previous Non-Conformance Reports (NCR's) are outlined and either evidence of close-out presented or additional corrective actions identified. Depending on the Clients needs, recommendations for improvement can be provided.

*An audit summary list for 360 Environmental is available on request.*



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