

CHECKLIST

ISO 14001

ISO 14001 is an international standard that outlines requirements for an environmental management system (EMS). Since it's a framework and not a set of requirements, it's up to you how you implement it. Use this checklist to help plan your implementation.

- Get management buy-in**
If your CEO or GM isn't already committed to ISO 14001, educating them on the benefits of certification can help get them on board
- Conduct a gap analysis**
Identify gaps between what you're already doing and what you need to do.
- Identify your resources**
Ex: Budget, personnel, existing systems, software
- Engage stakeholders**
Input from employees, regulators, customers, and suppliers can help enhance your environmental management actions.
- Define the scope of your EMS implementation**
Keep in mind that your EMS will continue to evolve and grow
- Identify your environmental aspects & impacts**
Think about pollution, water usage, soil contamination, etc. throughout the product lifecycle. Once you've determined which impacts are significant, you can take actions to control them.
- Identify risks & opportunities**
You can use this list of risks and opportunities to improve your EMS and prioritize how environmental issues are addressed.
- Establish a management of change process**
This helps to ensure that the organization maintains an acceptable level of risk when changes occur to equipment, processes, personnel, and products.
- Create a plan for aligning your current EMS with ISO 14001:2015**
Ex: personnel, resources, training requirements, audits, etc. [Click here to watch National Grid explain how they transitioned to the new standard.](#)
- Determine performance metrics**
Ensure that your environmental protection and performance improvement metrics are included in the organization's strategic objectives.
- Enlist support**
Does your team have the skills and resources to develop an EMS, or do you need help from a consultant? [Contact us for more information.](#)

Simplify complex environmental management processes and make your team's work easier.

Implementing ISO 14001 takes time. But with the right resources, you can execute swiftly. Building your environmental management system doesn't have to drain your energy and resources. EHS software makes it possible. The right software lets you automate time-consuming tasks, so you can focus on other aspects of your business. Schedule a demo and put our solutions to the test today!