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Mastering ISO 14001:2015 Certification With PJR

ISO 14001:2015 emphasizes strategic environmental management, leadership roles, proactive environmental initiatives, and lifecycle thinking for managing an organization's potential environmental impacts. This certification yields numerous benefits, including controls to support legal compliance and enhanced environmental performance. Advertising a voluntary certification to an **environmental management system standard like ISO 14001** can provide a competitive advantage over non-certified companies and represents a commitment to sustainability and conservation.

Perry Johnson Registrars (PJR) streamlines **the certification process** through extensive audits and assistance. This journey encompasses Stage 1 and Stage 2 audits for the initial certification, succeeded by ongoing surveillance and recertification audits. Additionally, PJR provides **complimentary webinars**, white papers, and an array of training resources at no added cost.

To prepare effectively for audits, organizations should ensure thorough documentation, staff training, and awareness programs are being implemented. Common pitfalls include **inadequate documentation**, lack of **management commitment**, and **overlooking lifecycle perspectives** in environmental impact assessments.

Maintaining compliance post-certification necessitates ongoing commitment, continual improvement, and periodic internal audits. Strategies include fostering a culture of environmental responsibility, staying updated with regulatory changes, and conducting regular assessments of environmental objectives.

PJR extends continuous support post-certification, aiding organizations in sustaining excellence by providing free resources, conducting training sessions, and offering expert guidance. Contact PJR's EHS Program Manager, Austin Matthews, for ongoing assistance at: amatthews@pjr.com.

The ISO 14001:2015 standard places emphasis on:

- **Leadership:** Assigning specific responsibilities for promoting environmental management within organizations' leadership roles.
- **Environmental Protection:** Encouraging proactive initiatives like pollution prevention, sustainable resource usage, climate change mitigation, and biodiversity protection.
- **Continual Improvement:** Focus on enhancing overall environmental performance rather than simply improving the management system.
- **Lifecycle Perspective:** Extending control over environmental impacts throughout a product's lifecycle, from raw material acquisition to disposal.

ISO 14001:2015 certification is a testament to an organization's commitment to environmental stewardship. PJR's expertise and comprehensive approach support organizations in navigating the certification process, maintaining compliance, and fostering sustained environmental excellence.

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