

OASIS: Why is it Important?

OASIS is probably one of the most important mysteries to an aerospace supplier and/or manufacturer. Many of us know the name and that certificate and audit information ends up there but what is it exactly? And why is it so important to PJR and clients alike?

What is OASIS?



OASIS, or Online Aerospace Supplier Information System, the web-based IAQG application containing information on certified suppliers, and their audits, accredited Certification Bodies, AQMS auditors, Accreditation Bodies, participating National Aerospace Industry Associations (NAIAs) etc. It catalogs aerospace suppliers who are certified/registered under the IAQG rules to be in compliance with the aerospace quality management system requirements. The database is run by the International Aerospace Quality Group, the IAQG and provides easy access to aerospace quality management systems data. "The IAQG is a cooperative global organization that brings aviation, space and defense companies together to deliver more value at all levels of the supply chain," explains their website. The IAQG, and subsequently OASIS, exist to ensure that aerospace companies are constantly measured to the highest standards.

The AS9104/1 document details requirements regarding OASIS, including deadlines, responsibilities of Organizations, Certification Bodies and other industry stakeholders. If your Organization becomes certified to an AS9XX standard, the certificate and audit information must be published in the database. It is in OASIS that anyone can view if a company is certified, and what their track record looks like by viewing the results of audits. (Note: while all data on the certificate is located in the public domain of OASIS, the details of audits are only available to those users granted access by the Organization). OASIS catalogs everything from the certification scope to a viewable PDF of all the audit components. The public truly has view of every nook and cranny within an aerospace company.

Why is this important though?



The IAQG purports in their mission that they are "establishing and maintaining dynamic cooperation, based on trust, between international aerospace companies." The OASIS database definitely fosters trust among aerospace companies, their clients, and audit companies like PJR. It provides the added service of bringing together aerospace certified companies with potential buyers who use the database to find suppliers. PJR is in charge of uploading certificate and audit information to OASIS, allowing for an unbiased and honest look into aerospace companies. Knowing this, these companies strive to be their best so they will have a clean OASIS record to show off to clients. Everything from nonconformities, corrective actions and suspensions are shown on OASIS.

What are the Organization's responsibilities?

While PJR and aerospace clients are tied up together in OASIS, the tasks within the web database are separate. The first step in getting started is becoming a registered user by creating a username and password. As a certified Organization, you must establish an OASIS administrator for the purpose of managing your company's contact information, name, addresses, users associated with your company and their email addresses, managing external access to audits results and OASIS database feedback. We at PJR cannot edit or change any of your company specific information. You are also responsible for creating a supplier site record after receiving a new supplier ticket issued in OASIS by PJR. Each ticket can be used to create only one supplier site and each site will have an OASIS administrator assigned.

A process that can cause some issues with those stumbling around OASIS! But PJR is dedicated to working closely with clients to perfect their public information to the highest standards for OASIS, IAQG, the aerospace companies, the public, and PJR itself.

What do we do with it here at PJR?

Entering, updating and maintaining Organization's certificate and audit data in OASIS is part of accreditation requirements PJR has to meet. We have deadlines for each type of audit: a surveillance audit must be entered within 90 days after the on-site audit date while an initial, recertification or any other type of audit involving a certificate issuance/reissuance must be published within 30 days from the certificate issue date. Failure to meet these deadlines would put PJR in violation of our accreditation requirements and potentially create an issue for the aerospace client we are serving.

Welcome to the inner workings of OASIS and its varied audiences! If you have any questions regarding the OASIS database, please feel free to contact Liliya Och, Kim Wagner or a Project Manager in your area. Contact us at [1-800-800-7910](tel:1-800-800-7910) for any OASIS questions you may have. ◆

