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MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION

RCMS ® & RC14001 ®

Whether utilizing RCMS® or RC14001® , the Responsible Care program provides companies a mechanism for improving environmental, health, safety and security performance throughout their operating system.

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The Responsible Care Management System® (RCMS) and RC14001® programs were developed by the American Chemistry Council (ACC) as a way to demonstrate a commitment to the Responsible Care® Codes of Practice and continued involvement with business partners and the community environs.
Both programs provide a value-added management system approach to operations. ANAB recognizes and accredits both programs.

Having participated in the RC14001® pilot program in 2002, ABS Quality Evaluations (ABS QE), as part of ABS Group, became the first registrar to receive RC14001® accreditation by ANAB. Our methodology for carrying out the RCMS® and RC14001® programs meets all accreditation and industry requirements, yet allows for the flexibility to meet the needs of our clients. We have an excellent core of auditors with expertise in the chemical industry.

RC14001® or RCMS® is required for ACC members and partners and has been adopted by chemical associations and councils around the world. Relevant aspects of existing codes (including security) have been incorporated with the RC programs and are based on benchmarked best practices of leading private sector companies. It is a continual improvement-based system. The key elements of the technical specification include:

• Policy & Leadership
• Planning & Goal Setting
• Operation & Accountability
• Measurement
• Corrective Action & Continuous Improvement

RC14001® uses the ISO 14001 standard as its base. It expands the scope to include health, safety, security, transport, outreach, product stewardship and emergency response.

A company selecting to certify to this technical specification must adhere to all ISO rules for audits, corrective action, surveillance, etc. Public participation is encouraged as a role in the audit process for both programs.

As with all of its certification programs, ABS Group analyzes these systems in business context to ensure each customer achieves the most value from their investment in environmental systems.

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