

ISO 14001: 2004 Environmental management System

CCEA has been recycling for a number of years. In 2006 however CCEA's management team took the decision to employ the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) to drive forward the environmental element of its corporate social responsibility strategy. This decision also ensured that the organization was compliant with environmental legislation and that it was continually improving its environmental performance. The ISO 14001 standard gave CCEA the structure it needed to focus its environmental efforts.

Work on ISO 14001 began in January 2006 through the establishment of an Environmental Steering Group. Where possible the ISO 14001 system was aligned with CCEA's ISO 9001 Quality Management System, to ensure the EMS broadly followed the same structure. This structure included the development of an Environmental Manual, Environmental Policy, Overview Operating Procedures, Team Procedures and various forms and matrices, all of which are controlled documents.

A preliminary external review of the system by a qualified ISO Lead Assessor was undertaken in August 2006. CCEA was accredited to the ISO 14001: 2004 standard with no non-compliances or observations noted. It has been reaccredited to the standard at each successive 6 monthly assessment since, each time with no non-compliances. This is a significant achievement.

In addition to external surveillance visits undertaken by a qualified ISO lead Assessor, CCEA will regularly test its EMS through a planned programme of procedure auditing covering all procedures within the EMS.

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