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WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

Environmental auditing is a systematic, documented, periodic and objective process in assessing an organization's activities and services in relation to:



- Assessing compliance with relevant statutory and internal requirements
- Facilitating management control of environmental practices
- Promoting good environmental management
- Maintaining credibility with the public
- Raising staff awareness and enforcing commitment to departmental environmental policy
- Exploring improvement opportunities
- Establishing the performance baseline for developing an Environmental Management System (EMS)

Conducting an environmental audit is no longer an option but a sound precaution and a proactive measure in today's heavily regulated environment. Indeed, evidence suggests that EA has a valuable role to play, encouraging systematic incorporation of environmental perspectives into many aspects of an organisation's overall operation, helping to trigger new awareness and new priorities in policies and practices.



Resource

An overview of the audit Process at the end of Chapter 4 can be pulled out for ease of cross-referencing.