

COMPANY NAME

Environmental Procedure

Enquiry / Complaint / Nonconformity Handling

(EP-07)

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Revision History

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1.0 Purpose

This procedure describes the approach for handling enquiries and complaints regarding COMPANY NAME's environmental performance, and addressing deviations from the requirements of COMPANY NAME's EMS so as to ensure a systematic process is developed to identify and address nonconformities through both corrective action and preventive action.

2.0 Scope

This procedure applies to the handling of :

- a) enquiries (both internal and external) regarding COMPANY NAME's EMS or environmental performance;
- b) complaints (both internal and external) regarding COMPANY NAME's EMS or environmental performance;
- c) nonconformities related to COMPANY NAME's EMS requirements, shall include but not be limited to below :
 - internal procedure non-compliance identified during regular monitoring / review
 - nonconformities identified in internal audits
 - nonconformities caused by suppliers / contractors / service providers

This procedure also addresses nonconformities through corrective and preventive actions so as to minimize impacts to the environment and the potential for reoccurrence.

3.0 Reference Documents

Section 4.4.3, EMS Manual

Section 4.5.2, EMS Manual

Section 4.5.3, EMS Manual

EP-04 Control of Documents

EP-06 Environmental Monitoring and Evaluation of Compliance

EP-08 Control of Records

EP-09 Internal Audit

4.0 Definitions

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| EMR | – Environmental Management Representative |
| CAR | – Corrective Action Report |
| EMS Committee | – Environmental Management System Committee |
| NC | – Nonconformity related to COMPANY NAME's EMS |

5.0 Responsibility

5.1 Environmental Management Representative

The Environmental Management Representative (EMR) shall ensure the requirements of this procedure are implemented. The EMR oversees the enquiries and complaints regarding to the EMS and controls all nonconformities in relation to the EMS implementation, ensuring the effective and appropriate corrective and preventive actions are taken to prevent NC from reoccurring.

5.2 Function / Departmental Manager

The Function / Departmental Manager shall maintain the communication log (EF-EP07-03), handle enquiries / complaints / NC, investigate the causes or potential causes of NC, verify the implementation of appropriate corrective and preventive actions and maintain relevant records.

5.3 Staff of COMPANY NAME

Staff of COMPANY NAME shall report any enquiries / complaint / NC to their supervisor and implement corrective and/or preventive actions as instructed by the relevant Function / Departmental Manager.

6.0 Procedure

6.1 Handling Enquiries / Complaints

- 6.1.1 All staff shall report any enquiries / complaint / NC (both internal and external) to their supervisors and such enquiries / complaint / NC shall be recorded and tracked in the log sheet maintained by the Function / Departmental Manager.
- 6.1.2 To handle complaints, the responsible personnel shall consult the EMR to determine the appropriate corrective and preventive actions and to ensure the actions are implemented effectively to rectify the problem.

6.2 Handling NC Identified Internally

- 6.2.1 Whoever raises an NC shall initiate a CAR by completing Section 1 & 2 of the CAR Form (as shown in Appendix 1) for endorsement by the respective Function / Departmental Manager. The EMR shall be responsible to monitor the CAR status and maintain the log (Appendix 2).
- 6.2.2 The CAR recipient, upon consultation with the EMR shall investigate the root causes of NC and complete the CAR.
- 6.2.3 Any changes of the EMS documentation as required by the CAR shall be reflected through amending respective procedures or instructions. The EMR shall ensure that these changes are communicated to all relevant staff.

6.3 Review by EMS Committee

- 6.3.1 EMS Committee will review and discuss any significant issues regarding the enquiry / complaint / CAR / nonconformities identified, and determine any preventive actions shall be taken for continual improvement of the EMS and environmental performance of COMPANY NAME.
- 6.3.2 The effectiveness of corrective and preventive actions taken shall be reviewed.

7.0 Records

Record Description	Record Location/ Retention Responsibility	Minimum Retention Time
CAR forms (EF-EP07-01)	EMR / Function / Departmental Manager	3 years
CAR Status Log (EF-EP07-02)	EMR	3 years
Communication Log (EF-EP07-03)	EMR / Function / Departmental Manager	3 years
Enquiry / Complaint Log and Correspondences	EMR / Function / Departmental Manager	3 years

8.0 Appendix

Appendix 1 : Corrective Action Report (CAR) (EF-EP07-01)

Appendix 2 : CAR Status Log (EF-EP07-02)

Appendix 3 : Communication Log (EF-EP07-03)

Corrective Action Report (CAR)

Section 1 : General Information

Department / Function concerned :		CAR No:	
ISO 14001 clause Reference :		Reference Procedure :	
Initiator / Auditor :		Auditee (if applicable) :	

Section 2 : Nonconformity Details

Details (include where in the organisation the finding was identified)

Initiator / Auditor :	(Signature)	Responsible Dept / Function Manager:	(Signature)
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Section 3 : Root Cause

Details

Section 4 : Corrective Action

Details of proposed action:

Actions to be taken by:		Date of action to be completed:	
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Section 5 : Preventive Action

Details of proposed action:

Actions to be taken by:		Date of action to be completed:	
Responsible Dept / Function Manager:		Date :	

Section 6 : Verification and Close Out

Verification details:

Verified by :		(Signature)	Date:	
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COMPANY NAME

Communication Log

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