

EMS Spotlights



The Audit

Sources of information gathered may include the following:

- Interviews with employees and others;
- Observations of activities and the surrounding work environment and conditions;
- Review of documents such as policy, objectives, plans, procedures, standards, instructions, licenses and permits, contracts, etc;
- Records of inspections, minutes of meetings, prior audit reports, records of monitoring programs and results of measurements;
- Data summaries, analyses and performance indicators;
- Information on the auditee's sampling programs and on procedures for the control of sampling and measurement process;
- Relevant information from external parties, such as public communication;
- Computerized databases, websites, etc.

Practically Speaking

The audit conclusions are meant to address:

- a. the extent of conformity of the EMS,
- b. the effective implementation, maintenance and improvement of the EMS and
- c. the capability to ensure continued suitability, adequacy, effectiveness and improvement.

**THE PURPOSE OF THE
AUDIT IS TO SEE IF
THE EMS IS WORKING
PROPERLY**

**THE GOAL OF THE AUDITOR IS NOT
TO FIND FAULT BUT TO PROVIDE
INFORMATION ON WHICH AN
ORGANIZATION CAN ACT TO
IMPROVE**