



Environmental

Environmental - Audit

This work is rather like a financial audit. The aim is to understand the environmental management systems and to check within selected areas of activity that the required systems are operational and effective. The work requires a very thorough review of all systems and records and a physical inspection of the premises and activities so that a clear understanding and evaluation of systems and effectiveness is gained. Recommendations are suggested to improve compliance where appropriate.

The report format will vary to suit the client needs. Often a benchmarking format is used to demonstrate the level of compliance with the law and with the organisational systems as they have been understood.

Environmental - Review

This work is less intense than an Audit (above). It reviews the relevant environmental legislation applicable to the organisation and provides a shorter report listing the systems and practices identified and an indication of the level of compliance with the law (and if required the client's systems). Recommendations are suggested to improve compliance where appropriate. The aim is to achieve an awareness of the issues as that achieved with the Audit above, but with a lower level of detailed knowledge and cost.

Such a report is often used to identify the areas for immediate improvement in a client organisation at the start of a working relationship with Oval Risk Services.

Environmental - Risk Assessment – Strategic Level

This work records most of the environmental legal requirements relevant to the organisation and assesses the risk from a strategic level (often in general terms with specific examples). The report prioritises the issues and recommends practical improvements as appropriate.

The majority of clients find this report useful because:-

- It summarises the environmental management within the organisation in a few pages so that it can be clearly understood without significant effort at every level of the organisation
- It provides a management tool to set priorities and manage the improvements from Board level downwards and allow routine monitoring and reporting of progress.
- It can be used for clear communication with employees at all levels to explain decisions, invite comment and consultation and help all personnel be positively involved in gradual and continuous improvement.

Environmental - Risk Assessment – Specific Level

This work varies depending on the issues to be addressed. Different legislation requires different approaches. In essence the aim is to work in a narrowly defined field such as emissions, waste disposal, etc. Hazards are identified, risks are evaluated and prioritised and practical recommendations are made for improvement. In some cases the Environment Agency have provided help and information (free from the Internet), in others we have developed systems for specific risk assessment. In some cases there are several stages of risk assessment, depending on the complexity of the organisation and its activities.

Environmental - Policies

Environment management is legislation based and therefore involves the development and dissemination of policies on many issues. We can help with specific policies and procedures such as recycling, waste management, etc. We can also help with a full environmental policy by advising what should be included, developing sections to suit the client organisation and existing practices as well as recommending changes to improve legal compliance.