



The future of the ISO 14000 family a look at new issues



Sustainable development policy and practice has attracted considerable attention and debate in the past 15 years. Our understanding of and concerns about environmental and sustainable development issues has evolved over time too. Just as the existing ISO 14000 standards play an important role in helping organizations to address today's priorities, so too can future standards help to address future priorities.

An integral part of an organization's EMS is the commitment to continual improvement. ISO/TC 207 takes this principle to heart and is constantly improving its process to identify and respond to new standardization needs. ISO/TC 207's success in continuing to work on relevant standards is evidenced by two new work items:

- **ISO 14063** on environmental communication guidelines and examples, will help companies to make the important link to external stakeholders.
- ISO/TC 207 has responded to the challenge of climate change by agreeing to start work on standards on measuring, reporting and verification of entity and project level **Greenhouse Gas emissions**.

We hope that this information helps you to understand how your organization can

obtain the maximum benefit from the ISO 14000 family. ISO/TC 207 is proud of its contributions to sustainable development since its inception in 1993. We are dedicated to ensuring, on an ongoing basis, that the ISO 14000 family meets the needs of the international user community and the concerns of those interested in the environment and sustainable development. You can help us to continue to evolve by contacting us and submitting your input and comments, either through your national standards institute (a complete list is posted on the ISO Web site: www.iso.org), directly to our ISO/TC 207 Secretariat, or through any of our sub-committees.



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