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Occupational Health and Safety Certification and the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB)

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BSI 18001

- * BSI-OHSAS 18001:1999, an occupational health and safety management system specification.
- * NOT a standard
- * Created by 14 international standards bodies within 8 countries
- * Lost, by one vote, acceptance in international standards process





BSI 18001 Continued

- * BSI document follows ISO 14001 format closely
- * All elements within auditing framework
- * Comparable with ISO 9000:2000
- * Joint audits possible





ILO/OSH-MS2001

- * International Labour Organization (ILO) Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health Management Systems, ILO/OSH-MS2001
- * Input from labour organizations worldwide
- * No input from a Standards Development Organization





ILO/OSH-MS2001 Continued

- * ILO document contains items outside the scope of a single organization
- * Only section three applies to one entity
- * Not all elements of Section 3 auditable





Z10 Standard

- * American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)
- * Developing Z10 on Occupational Health and Safety Systems
- * Broad application across industrial and governmental sectors in the U.S.





CGSB Consultations

- * CGSB proposed to certify to BSI 18001
- * First meeting of stakeholders
- Organised labour wanted to wait for ILO document
- * Second meeting of stakeholders
- * Unions supported ILO document, but recognized the need to audit





CGSB Status

- * Current CGSB response
- * Provide a certificate stating: "Meets all the requirements in the BSI-OHSAS 18001:1999, Occupational health and safety management systems Specification and/or conforms to the principles in ILO/OSH-MS2001, Guidelines on occupational safety and health management systems".....





CGSB Requirements

- * Need for auditors
- * Auditor skills and knowledge
 - * Health
 - * Safety
 - * Management system auditing
- * No single organization
- * Specify skills when hiring an auditor or.....





CGSB Requirements Continued

- * CEAA proposal to develop certification program for OSH management system auditors
- * CGSB can specify certified auditors as with EMS
- * Recognize other groups may want to certify





Next Steps

- * Potential for new OSH international standard
- * Potential for a Canadian OSH standard
- * Resolution of auditor certification ISO 17024
- * Registration to which standard?





Questions





