

A Proposal for a Health and Safety Auditor Certification

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HSE Programs – Why Have an Integrated MS

- Risk Management Approach an event such as a tank overflow of hydrocarbon creates health, safety, environmental, emergency response threats. An integrated approach to risk management and controls needed.
- Companies operate facilities with permission from the public who set a standard for tolerable level of risk and demand of proof that we are in fact meeting those standards. The transparency of a H&S registration process such as OHSAS 18001 or CSA Z10 helps establish that proof, in the same manner as ISO 14001.



HSE Programs – Why Have an Integrated MS

- HSE management development. A lot of major process businesses had their HSE MS evolve from the ILCI Loss Control Program which focused on losses, not whether they came from E or H&S hazards.
- Corporate governance One committee of Senior Management and the BOD, one HSE policy, not one for each area.
- This has led to a common HSE MS approach.



H&S Auditor Certification Alberta Experience

- AB OH&S and WCB have a "Partnerships" program:
 - 14 industry safety associations are certifying partners. These include the construction, trucking, forestry, manufacturers, etc.
 - Companies obtain a "Certificate of Recognition" when they have passed a certification audit as recognized by a certifying partner.
 - A common "Basic Safety Program" is the basis for certification



AB "Partnerships"

- Companies with a COR receive up to an additional 20% WCB reduction.
- Nearly 5500 companies have a COR
- Most large companies in Alberta require a
 COR as a prerequisite for doing business
- BC is piloting a similar model in the BC oil patch.



AB "Partnerships" and Auditors

- Partnerships generates a lot of demand for H&S auditors
 - certification and three-year re-certification requirements
 - annual internal audits, often done by H&S auditors
- Quality of auditors uneven
- Only a few really qualified to audit major company's more sophisticated H&S programs.
- Auditors not represented on Petroleum Partnerships Advisory Committee
- ⇒ Alberta Occupational Health & Safety Auditors Association just established



H&S Auditor Demand

- A number of companies obtaining multiple registrations – ISO 9000, ISO 14000 and OHSAS 18001.
- The validity of the 18001 plaque on the wall not supported by certified auditors in Canada
- BEAC has had a H&S Auditor Certification for about 3 years



Canadian H&S Auditor Certification by CEAA

Proposal:

CEAA adds a CH&SA certification program

- Education, training requirements same as
 CEA
- CH&SA BOSK parallels the CEA
- The new exam is based on ISO 19011 and applies to H&S and E
- Code of Ethics applies



Advantages to CEAA

- Adds to membership base (spread the costs)
- Remains the premier non-financial auditor certification body in Canada
- Potential for additional chapters
- Registrars will do OHSAS 18001 anyway!