

## Specialty Technical Publishers (STP) and AECOM Announce Update of Jurisdiction-Specific Environmental, Health, & Safety (EHS) Audit Protocol for Italy

## Italy is the latest EHS Protocol in the 55+ Country/Jurisdiction Range to Be Updated

North Vancouver, BC (<u>PRWEB</u>) March 27, 2014 -- Specialty Technical Publishers (STP) and AECOM Inc. today announced the release of the recently updated EHS audit protocol for Italy. The partnership's <u>EHS</u> protocols can be accessed through a web-based portal or by integrating with a company's own software. With custom templates and advanced functionality features, auditors can easily track audit findings and manage data over time. In addition, STP's formatting is compatible with leading risk management and sustainability platform providers.

This <u>audit protocol for Italy</u>, which covers relevant national EHS requirements, was previously updated in September 2011. The regulatory date for the current release is October 2013.

Highlights of the update include:

\* Presidential Decree No. 59 of 13 March 2013 allows for the consolidation of multiple environmental permits into a single permit.

\* Presidential Decree No. 227 of 19 October 2011 introduces simplifications in the permitting process regarding the renewal of permits for wastewater discharge and noise impacts.

\* The State-Regions Agreement of 7 February 2013 describes a procedure for performing maintenance on air treatment plants (e.g., air conditioning plants) and includes example checklists for maintenance activities.

\* Legislative Decree No. 30 of 13 March 2013 provides rules for the participation in the greenhouse gas emissions allowance trading scheme established under Directive 2003/87/EC, as amended.

\* Ministerial Decree No. 22 of 14 February 2013 provides guidance on how to classify waste derived solid fuels in order to assess if they can be exempted from the waste management regulations.

\* The State-Regions Agreement of 21 December 2011 implements specific health and safety requirements under Legislative Decree No. 81 of 9 April 2008. To comply with this Agreement, employers must ensure that workers, supervisors and managers receive sufficient training and refresher training regarding their legal responsibilities and the specific risks to which they are exposed. The Agreement categorizes facilities based on their level of risk (low, medium and high) and specifies training based on that risk.

\* The State-Regions Agreement of 22 February 2012 identifies the work equipment for which specific training and qualifications are required. The Agreement includes information on the certification of trainers, training duration and training topics.

\* Presidential Decree No. 177 of 14 September 2011 regulates work performed inside confined spaces or potentially contaminated areas. Such work can be performed only by qualified companies or professionals, as defined in this Presidential Decree. The use of subcontractors is not allowed, unless expressly authorized by the employer and certified under Legislative Decree No. 276 of 10 September 2003.

"We are proud to offer the manufacturing sector this level of depth in the changes made to Italy's environmental health & safety arena. No foreign investor can afford the risk of complying with regulations that are outdated and this is a vital tool for any company conducting manufacturing operations in Italy, and as can been seen, the changes to the legislation are significant." - Steve Britten, Acting President of STP



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