

Specialty Technical Publishers (STP) and Specialty Technical Consultants (STC) Publish Environmental, Health & Safety (EHS) Audit Protocol for New South Wales, Australia

Latest EHS Regulations Updates Assist Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance

North Vancouver, B.C., Canada ([PRWEB](#)) September 16, 2015 -- Specialty Technical Publishers (STP) and Specialty Technical Consultants (STC) announce the availability of the newly updated International Audit Protocol Consortium (IAPC) EHS audit protocol for New South Wales, Australia. Leading companies around the world use IAPC EHS audit protocols to understand the scope of their EHS regulatory obligations and rapidly collect, share, archive, and export audit findings in a cost effective manner.

IAPC EHS Audit Protocols are now prepared by STC in partnership with STP and continue to focus on those national (plus, in some cases, regional or provincial) EHS requirements that have site-specific application for manufacturing operations. As a leading EHS management consulting firm with a global network of experienced EHS teaming partners, STC has in-depth knowledge and technical expertise of local/regional EHS requirements.

STP and STC maintain leading-edge EHS audit protocols for more than 30 jurisdictions. The protocol documents are written in English and are available on CD-ROM in MS Word, Adobe Acrobat and Excel formats, as well as through STP's web-based portal or can be integrated into an existing company platform. Using the protocols' custom templates and advanced functionality features, auditors can easily track audit findings and manage data over time to improve compliance, risk management and safety performance. In addition, STP's formatting is compatible with leading risk management and sustainability platform providers.

Highlights of selected legislation covered in the newly updated protocol include:

- Changes to requirements for ozone depleting substances were issued in the form of amendments to the national "Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989" and the "Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995." These changes impact requirements for the manufacture and import of ozone depleting substances and requirements relating to refrigerants, extinguishing agents, and discharge of scheduled substances. Exemptions for certain types of equipment have been expanded and requirements of license holders and for recordkeeping have been revised.
- Changes to the "National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007" and the "National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Regulations 2008" have resulted in changes to the greenhouse gas registration and reporting requirements. In addition, the "Clean Energy Act 2011," which established a carbon pricing mechanism and trading scheme, was repealed effective 1 July 2014. The "Clean Energy Act 2011" had required liable entities to register and report annually on their emissions or potential emissions in relation to the 2012-13 and 2013-14 financial years under the "National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007."
- Amendments to the "Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009" revised the definition of "native forest bio-material" as applicable to the regulations that restrict burning of native forest bio-material.
- Changes to the solid and hazardous waste requirements were issued under the Protection of the "Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014," which replaced the 2005 regulation. Key changes include new thresholds for environment protection licenses, a new proximity principle for waste transport, and reforms to the waste levy system.

- Changes to water resource management requirements were issued under the "Water NSW Regulation 2013," which replaced the "Sydney Water Catchment Management Regulation 2008." Declared catchment areas and controlled areas in the greater Sydney area are covered by this regulation.
- Changes to the requirements for above and below ground tank management were issued under the "Protection of the Environment Operations (Underground Petroleum Storage Systems) Regulation 2014." This "Regulation" took effect 1 September 2014 and replaced, with some amendments, the "Protection of the Environment Operations (Underground Petroleum Storage Systems) Regulation 2008." The amendments include clarification of the statutory requirements for the management and operation of underground petroleum storage system (UPSS) infrastructure in NSW.
- Amendments were issued to the "Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011." These changes affect requirements for high risk work, diving work, plant and major hazard facilities, and the safety requirements for tractors and earthmoving machinery in construction work.
- The "Dangerous Goods (Road and Rail Transport) Regulation 2009" was repealed and replaced by the "Dangerous Goods (Road and Rail Transport) Regulation 2014." From 1 July 2014 in NSW, all newly manufactured dangerous goods vehicles must have electronic stability control (ESC) installed, or they will be banned from its roads.
- New radiation safety requirements under the "Radiation Control Regulation 2013" went into effect on July 1, 2013, replacing the "2003" regulation. These changes affect the licensing and registration requirements and security of radioactive sources. Requirements relating to the 2003 regulation have been removed from the protocol.

For more information on all International EHS audit protocols offered by STP and STC, click [here](#).

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