

## **Specialty Technical Publishers (STP) and Specialty Technical Consultants (STC) Publish Environmental, Health & Safety (EHS) Audit Protocol for Mexico**

### *Latest EHS Regulations Updates Assist Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance*

North Vancouver, B.C., Canada ([PRWEB](#)) May 10, 2016 -- 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 Mexico. 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 indepth 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:

- “Regulation of the General Law on Civil Protection (Reglamento de la Ley General de Protección Civil)” establishes rules to follow to prepare for a natural hazard, and to perform the necessary response measures in the event of a natural disaster. It also addresses specific requirements regarding the preparation and implementation of Civil Protection Programs that must be complied with by public and private entities.
- “Regulation of the General Law on Comprehensive Prevention and Management of Waste, (Ley General Para la Prevención y Gestión Integral de los Residuos)” expands upon the requirements of the “General Law on Comprehensive Waste Prevention and Management” and introduces requirements for managing in Mexico.
- “Regulation of the General Law on Climate Change Regarding the National Registration of Emissions (Reglamento de la Ley General de Cambio Climático en Materia del Registro Nacional de Emisiones),” implements the “General Law on Climate Change” with regard to national registration of emissions. It confirms the industrial sectors, subsectors and activities subject to report their emissions as well as the greenhouse gases that must be considered. The regulation also establishes the obligations for facilities subject to reporting, and the procedures that must be followed to annually prepare and submit the report.
- “Agreement amending the “Official Mexican Standard NOM-161-SEMARNAT-2011,” which establishes the “Criteria to Classify Special Management Wastes and Determine those Subject to a Management Plan, Including Listing of the Wastes, Procedures for their Inclusion and Exclusion in the List, as well as the Elements and Procedures for the Generation of a Management Plan (ACUERDO por el que se modifica la Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-161-SEMARNAT-2011, Que establece los criterios para clasificar a los residuos de manejo especial y determinar cuáles están sujetos a un plan de manejo; el listado de los mismos, el procedimiento para la inclusión o exclusión a dicho listado; así como los elementos y procedimientos para la formulación de los planes de manejo)” added one item in Section 3 and one item in the Normative Annex, both

related to management of batteries.

- “Agreement to Modify Article 5.4 of Mexican Official Norm NOM-081-SEMARNAT-1994, which establishes the maximum permissible limits for noise emission from stationary sources and its measurement method (ACUERDO por el que se modifica el numeral 5.4 de la Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-081-SEMARNAT-1994, Que establece los límites máximos permisibles de emisión de ruido de las fuentes fijas y su método de medición)” contains a unique article which establishes changes with regard to the maximum permissible limits for noise emissions from stationary sources.
- “NOM-006-STPS-2014, Material Handling and Storage - Safety and Health Conditions at Work was published on September 11, 2014” establishes requirements for safe material handling activities, both manual and with equipment or machinery. It updates and replaces “NOM-006-STPS-2000.”
- The “Federal Regulation on Safety and Health at Work” repeals and replaces the “Federal Regulation on Occupational Safety, Hygiene and on the Working Environment of 1997.” This umbrella regulation specifies a wide variety of general health, safety, and hygiene requirements applicable to all facilities.
- “NOM-033-STPS-2015, Safety Conditions for Working in Confined Spaces” is a new NOM relating to work in confined spaces.
- A new online option for reporting work-related injuries and illnesses became available January 1, 2016, and included new forms for submitting such reports in writing.

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

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