



ISO 14001 – PNNL's Path to Achieving Environmental Excellence

In 1998, PNNL achieved validation of Integrated Safety Management (ISM) -- a system focused on integrating safety awareness and good practices into all aspects of work conducted at DOE.

In 2001, PNNL achieved Gold Star status under DOE's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). This honor reflects PNNL's excellence in its worker safety and health program, and staff commitment to that program.

In 2002, PNNL is now seeking the third point of the environment, safety and health Triple Crown – **ISO 14001**. ISO 14001 is a standard developed by the International Organization for Standardization that **recognizes the effectiveness of a company's environmental management system**. Registration to the ISO 14001 standard is achieved by a third-party audit to be held at PNNL in September 2002.

What are the benefits of achieving ISO 14001 registration?

- Achieving registration to this third standard of the "Triple Crown" (ISO 14001, along with ISM and VPP) **demonstrates PNNL's excellence nationally and internationally** in integrating environment, safety and health practices in the workplace.
- Registration to ISO 14001 will **strengthen PNNL's competitiveness in the marketplace**. Many companies (for example, many major automotive manufacturers) will only work with suppliers who have certification to ISO 14001.

PNNL's Environmental Stewardship Policy

We are committed to **providing a safe and healthy working environment** for all staff; **protecting the general public and the environment** from unacceptable environmental, safety and health risks; and **operating in a manner that protects and restores the environment**.

What you need to know and do

Know:

- How PNNL's **environmental stewardship policy** (see above) **relates to your job**.
- **How your own actions can improve or hurt** PNNL's environmental performance.
- **What to do in case of spills or other emergencies**. (3G500)

Do:

- **Consider environmental impacts** when planning and performing your daily work.
- **Identify and propose ways to eliminate or reduce** environmental impacts of your work.

For more information on PNNL's ISO 14001 Program, see <http://www.pnl.gov/iso14001/> or contact Dave Carroll (Program Manager) at 376-1671.

The VPP Steering Committee is proud to endorse PNNL's pursuance of ISO 14001 by providing information on this endeavor in the Porcelain Press. (3J995)