Supplier Selection:
Environmental Responsibility Considerations

Intended for intermediate compliance programs

Key activity: Quality and capacity audit

Step-by-step approach to consider risk related environmental responsibility during the supplier selection stage.

- Does the vendor have an environmental policy?

Communicate your environmental and other compliance expectations and testing requirements with potential vendors during this stage.

- Industrial wastewater
- Air emissions
- Hazardous waste
- General solid waste
- Water, fuel and electricity consumption reduction efforts
  • Potential vendors should complete a self-assessment against these expectations
  • Obtain factory’s environmental permits and certifications
  • Provide coaching and assistance to vendor; suggest establishing an environmental health and safety committee

Consider performing an environmental audit after review of the self-assessment document if necessary

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