



CASE STUDY

Environmental management systems (Plastics)

The task

Plastics processors are expert at injection moulding, extrusion or other plastics processing but often they do not have the skills necessary to document and implement environmental management systems.

Tangram has been commissioned by plastics processors to document their environmental management systems to prove compliance with ISO 14000 or similar standards such as those EMAS or other customers.

What we did

Tangram Technology has been commissioned by plastics processors to document their environmental management systems to meet ISO 14000. This requires a detailed knowledge of what is essential for compliance with the standard and what is also 'good practice'.

Many people think that this involves a complete set of 'environmental' procedures but it doesn't. In most cases the basic documentation of 'aspects and impacts' is the major task and this can be carried out quickly if the basics are familiar to the company.

Tangram does not believe in writing large numbers of new procedures for ISO 14000 - these are difficult to get operating and cause huge disruption. It is far more effective to document the systems that are in existence and to slightly modify these to conform to the requirements of the standard. Only where there is a complete absence of a procedure required by the standard is a new procedure generated.

This 'minimalist' approach keeps disruption to a minimum and produces a system that complies with the requirements of the standard but is also easy to maintain and easy to update as necessary.

The benefits

- A fixed price service for the implementation of environmental management systems for plastics processors
- Tangram takes care of all documentation necessary for ISO 14000.
- All documents are installed on the processors computer system.
- Staff are trained in management of the system.
- The installation of the system is as trouble-free as possible and most existing systems and procedures are kept in place.

More details?

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