

Transitioning to ISO 14001:2015 - the Cathedral Hygiene Experience

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Anu told us that she has been working for Cathedral Hygiene for 6 years and prior to that, she worked for the Environment Agency for 10 years. Before then, Anu worked for the Ministry of Defence.

Cathedral Hygiene (CH) achieved 140001 a few years ago. It was the first Company to achieve 14001 in 2015. CH purposely put in an early application so that there would be time to integrate 14001 with their Health and Safety System. 14001 will dovetail / complement 18001.

CH is a washroom service provider. There are outlets throughout the UK. CH are not involved with the treatment or disposal of waste. They use local organisations for that.

A key element of 14001 is the involvement of top level management and CH addressed this by, for example, bringing their Directors into the Safety Committee and by giving their senior managers the task of carrying out site audits and inspections.

Anu went on to outline the key changes / differences introduced by the new standard. Generally, the standard is now risk based.

CH's second audit will be in February 2017. Anu reported that one of the key benefits of achieving 14001 is that it has given CH a better appreciation of the risks in the organisation.