

# Bureau Veritas Certification

## RC14001<sup>®</sup> & RCMS<sup>®</sup> Certification



### > Business Challenge

#### Improving environmental performance

Many businesses recognize the importance of protecting the environment and the health and safety of employees. It has become increasingly necessary to assure customers and the public that your organization is a responsible corporate citizen — in fact, many customers demand it.

### > Solution

#### Responsible Care<sup>®</sup> Certification

In the chemical industry, Responsible Care<sup>®</sup> is the global initiative, practiced in 52 countries, used to ensure the safe and secure management of chemical products. In the U.S., the American Chemistry Council (ACC) combined the requirements of Responsible Care<sup>®</sup> and ISO14001 to create a standard, requiring mandatory third-party verification, for its membership. As a result, two certification choices are available:

**Responsible Care Management System (RCMS)<sup>®</sup>** — Based on a plan-do-check-act philosophy, a responsible care management system allows a company to continually improve internal processes, while providing the flexibility to meet individual needs and facility requirements.

**RC14001<sup>®</sup>** — combines RCMS<sup>®</sup> certification and ISO14001 into a single, more cost-effective process.

In addition, the ACC has created a Responsible Care Partnership Program for companies responsible for chemical transportation, distribution, storage, use, treatment or disposal, and companies engaged in chemical sales, marketing and logistics. Responsible Care Partners adhere to the same requirements as ACC members.

### > Benefits of implementing RC14001<sup>®</sup> or RCMS<sup>®</sup>

- Potentially reduce accidents and injuries which could result in liability.
- Gain broader market recognition, increasing your potential customer base.
- Implement systems to monitor industry standards and regulations, making you an eligible supplier to the chemical industry.
- Manage your compliance with environmental, health, and safety laws and regulations.
- Attain the highest ethical standards and prove responsible corporate citizenship.

“ISO registration opens the door for future business and minimizes some customer surveys and audits.”

**Bob Spiegel**  
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