

Abstract

The importance of environmental management system is now widely acknowledged by developed countries. In Malaysia, there is a growing appreciation of the fact that environment protection is a strategy for development sustainability. However, because of the variations in management style, influence from their parent company, nature of business and size of the company, companies in Malaysia may differ in their ability to manage and protect the environment.

A study was carried out to determine the important features of implementing an Environmental Management System in compliance with the ISO 14001. This study also looked into the factors of success in implementing an Environmental Management System for companies in Malaysia. Detailed comparison was carried out and this resulted in some interesting findings on companies certified with ISO 14001. Management issues and problems encountered during implementation as well as benefits gained are also being highlighted in this study.