
ELEMENT 16
Internal EMS Audit**Definitions**

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Environmental Management System Audit – a systematic and documented verification process of objectively obtaining and evaluating evidence to determine whether an organization’s environmental management system conforms to the environmental management system audit criteria set by the organization, and for communication of the results of this process to management.

Audit Criteria – policies, practices, procedures, or requirements against which the auditor compares collected audit evidence about the subject matter. (Note: requirements may include but are not limited to standards, guidelines, specified organizational requirements, and legislative or regulatory requirements.)

Audit Findings – results of the evaluation of the collected audit evidence compared with the agreed audit criteria.