

## NEWS RELEASE

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PITTSBURGH, January 1, 2016 – SRI is among the first to be accredited to both ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015

SRI Quality System Registrar continues to set the bar for the industry and its clients, and it is proud to announce that it is one of the first certification bodies upgraded and accredited to audit both ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015. SRI Quality System Registrar was approved by ANAB to provide accredited registration to ISO 9001:2015 on September 18, 2015. SRI was then approved by ANAB to provide registration to ISO 14001: 2015 on December 7, 2015. All of SRI's qualified auditors have been trained to the new standards and are ready to assist companies as they transition or register to the new standard.

The most significant change to both standards is the move to an annex SL structure. This structure is based on ten sections. The current versions, ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015, focus more on harmonization with other ISO standards than introduction of significant changes to the requirements. The annex SL structure is the basis of the harmonization, as all ISO management system standards will move towards the same 10 sections and will share approximately 30% of the same requirements. Organizations using multiple management systems (e.g. Quality and Environmental) will benefit, as integration of these systems is far less complicated. In addition, organizations that integrate two or more systems will enjoy a cost reduction up to 20%, depending on the degree of integration.

Both ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 have ten sections. Three sections are general information for your company about the standard and are not auditable. Certification focuses on the seven key auditable sections:

- Context of the Organization
- Leadership

- Planning
- Support
- Operation
- Performance Evaluation
- Improvement

In conjunction with any new releases of the standard, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) sets an expiration date for the current version. Organizations with existing ISO 9001:2008 and/or ISO 14001:2004 certificates will have three years, from the date of the publication of the 2015 versions, to transition to the new standard.

SRI recommends organizations take these dates into account when planning any future implementation, registration, or transition of Quality or Environmental management systems. Organizations can purchase a copy of the revised standards at [www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org). The most economical approach is to plan an audit well in advance. The more time an organization has to implement the QMS or EMS and conduct the first series of internal audits and management reviews, then there will be more time to adjust and improve QMS or EMS operations. Hurried implementations do not necessarily save time if many non-conformances result. A well planned and implemented QMS or EMS adds the most value to the business.

A leader in training, SRI also currently provides courses on changes to the standards. If an organization is in need of training visit [www.SRICourses.com](http://www.SRICourses.com).

### **About SRI**

SRI Quality System Registrar, headquartered in Seven Fields, Pennsylvania, in the greater Pittsburgh metro area, is accredited by ANAB, RvA, IATF, FSSC, and APMG for ISO 9001, 14001, 13485, ISO/TS 16949, RC14001/RCMS, AS9100/9120, OHSAS 18001/Z10, ISO/IEC 27001, ISO/IEC 20000-1, FSSC/ISO 22000, and other emerging standards. SRI has field offices in Birmingham, Alabama; Dublin, Ireland; and Osaka, Japan, with auditors conveniently located throughout North America and international locations it serves. Since its founding in 1991, SRI has grown to serve the auditing, certification, and training needs of companies in over 40 major industries, including the specific technical requirements of automotive, aerospace, medical devices, and chemicals. For more information on how SRI builds relationships for success, go to [www.SRIRegistrar.com](http://www.SRIRegistrar.com) or call 724-934-9000.

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