

Placon Corporations summary report for 2013

In 2013, Placon had 5 audits focused around our EMS system. These audits included a customer audit, an insurance audit and our ISO 14001 evaluation of compliance audit along with our normal internal and external ISO audits.

Overall our audits were very positive however minor non-conformances were identified in the various audits and were developed into environmental corrective actions and subsequently closed. 2013 was also a recertification year for our ISO14001 system and recertification was achieved.

We have 7 significant Aspects and Impacts identified and at the time of this report all are within control in our system.

We have ongoing Objectives and Targets that we focus on and of the 8 identified in 2013 we achieved 4 of them, partially achieved 3 of them and failed to achieve one of them. Below is a summary of some of these.

- We continue to see a decrease in Air Emissions in 2013 remaining below the reporting thresholds established by the WDNR.
- We saw a decrease in the amount of non-regulated waste we had in 2013.
- Regulated waste saw a minor increase due to production increases
- Hazardous waste also saw minor increases due to changes made in handling and disposal of these waste (i.e. disposal of non-empty aerosol cans)
- Total amount of material sent to a landfill decreased in 2013
- Overall we saw an increase in the amount of CO₂e based on production capacity and efficiencies.
- We also saw a minor increase in the amount of overall material recycled
- We were able to reduce our overall water usage in 2013

Our EMS systems continue to mature and remain very effective. With this maturation we have started the process of increasing our sustainability efforts throughout the organization. This includes developing better ways of tracking data to give us better information to be able to make better sustainability decisions.

We have also changed our Aspects and Impacts matrix to make it a better tool for us to use in determining threats to our environmental system thus making our system stronger.