

Leading chemical supplier achieves Phase I of Acorn

One of the world's leading suppliers of specialty chemicals has embarked on the Acorn route to implement an environmental management system. Innospec has manufacturing sites and sales operations across the globe and employs around 1000 individuals in 23 countries. The company manufactures and supplies products, such as performance chemicals and fuel additives, to markets across Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia-Pacific and North and South America.

Innospec's site at Ellesmere Port in Cheshire has achieved Phase I of Acorn, whilst working with the Acorn Inspection Body Global Certification.

The IEMA Acorn Scheme offers accredited recognition for organisations evaluating and improving their environmental performance through the phased implementation of an EMS in accordance with the British Standard BS8555.

More flexible than a one off award scheme or a client-specific supplier audit, Acorn involves UKAS accredited inspection teams confirming the achievement of each phase of progress, with the rate and extent of performance improvement kept firmly in the hand of the individual companies.

For those involved in procurement, the inspection process can also accommodate confirmation of contractual environmental performance requirements stipulated by customers.

There are now 45 organisations registered on the Acorn Register. In May, Acorn Inspection Body NQA inspected nine new Acorn registrants to Phase 3. The organisations represent a diverse mix of business sectors, including waste refrigeration recyclers, domestic/industrial gas installers, ceramic tile manufacturers, seafood processors and a hotel.

For further information on the Acorn scheme please visit <http://www.iema.net/acorn>, or alternatively contact Richard Meddings by emailing r.meddings@iema.net or calling +44 (0) 1522 540069.

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