

Auditor Competency for Assessing Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems

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In 1995, ISO began efforts to draft an international occupational health and safety management system (OHSMS) standard. That effort failed. Since that time, a number of countries have developed their own OHSMS guidance standards. In addition, at the international level, the International Labor Organization (ILO) published guidance on Occupational Safety and Health Management Systems in 2001 (ILO-OSH 2001).

In the United States, the ANSI Z10 standard (Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems) was published as a final standard in July of 2005. This standard is formatted into two columns. The left column states the requirements that must be met if an organization wishes to demonstrate its conformance to Z10. The right column provides recommendations and explanatory notes. Some organizations may wish to use the Z10 standard for third-party certification of their OH&S management systems.

http://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/FinalPositionPaper_OHSAuditorCompetency.pdf