

Occupational Health & Safety Update

Status of ANSI/AIHA Z10:2005

American National Standard on Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems - ANSI/ AIHA Z10-2005

ANSI/AIHA Z10-2005, American National Standard - Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems was released at the end of 2005 through the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) to develop a standard of management principles and systems to help organizations design and implement deliberate and documented approaches to continuously improve their occupational health and safety (OHS) performance.

The standard will enable organizations to integrate OHS management into their overall business management systems; it will focus on principles that are broadly applicable to organizations of all sizes and types, not on detailed specifications. The standard will be compatible with relevant OHS, environmental, and quality management standards (e.g., ISO 9001 and 14001), and with approaches to OHS management in common use in the U.S.

ANSI/AIHA Z10-2005 Today

BS OHSAS 18001:2007 originated in the U.K. 18001 was developed in an open transparent process by 10 Certification Bodies. Along with CSA Z1000 (Canadian standard) and OHSAS 18001 (U.K.), companies can now register their management system to Z-10 under SRI and ANAB. OHSMS Audits can also be integrated with QMS and EMS audits for companies looking for an integrated, comprehensive approach.

The Z10-2005 standard is based on the PLAN-DO-ACT-CHECK cycle like ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004,

and provides a prescriptive approach to management systems. Z10-2005 also places an emphasis on continual improvement and systematically eliminating the underlying root cause of deficiencies.

The Z-10 standard allows organizations to integrate occupational health and safety (OHS) management into their overall business management systems. It focuses on principles that are broadly applicable to all types of organizations, instead of detailed specifications, and is compatible with relevant OHS, environmental, and quality management standards.

Reasons Register Your OHSMS

- Verify execution of OH&S strategies
- Facilitate compliance with legal requirements
- Increase Union and employee cooperation
- Reduce liability and risk
- Reduce insurance and lost time costs
- Demonstrate due diligence
- Establish leadership position in the industry
- Improve OH&S performance
- Improve or maintain public image

ANSI/AIHA Z10 can be applied to any type of business, organization or industry that wishes to manage its risks for Health & Safety in the work place.

Call SRI today to talk about registration and the benefits to your organization.



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