



Developments in Accreditation of SEM

- Accreditation for BS EN 14181
- Improving Stakeholder Confidence

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Presentation Outline

- **Accreditation for BS EN 14181**
 - Why and How
 - Timescales and Process
- **Improving Stakeholder Confidence**
 - What are the Problems
 - Expansion of Unannounced Visit Program
 - Publicity and Awareness of UKAS Sanctions
 - Operator Awareness



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Why Accreditation for BS EN 14181?

- **EA contacted UKAS in 2007 to discuss the possibility of accreditation for 14181**
- **EA wanted to introduce more consistency into 14181 activities**
- **Discussions between UKAS, EA and STA to agree approach**
 - **MID 14181 Version 2.0**
 - **UKAS Pilot Project for BS EN 14181**



What is a Pilot Project

- **Used for development of new areas of accreditation**
- **Tests assessment criteria**
- **Involves live assessment of activities with pilot project participants**
- **Closed environment until complete**
- **Criteria reviewed throughout the project**



Benefits of Pilot Projects

- **Permits UKAS to test suitability of assessment criteria**
- **Can provide commercial advantage to participants**
- **Gives stakeholders confidence in the suitability of accreditation for this activity**
- **Provides all participants with equal opportunities to gain accreditation**



Provisional Timescale

- **31 March 2009 – Applications deadline**
- **September 2009 – Commencement of Assessments**
- **June 2010 – Assessments complete**
- **September 2010 – Improvement Action Evidence submitted**
- **October 2010 review of IA evidence**
- **December 2010 – Grant of accreditation for all participants to BS EN 14181 (subject to satisfactory clearance evidence)**



Project updates

- **Regular updates to be provided at STA meetings**
- **Any special requirements will be communicated to each organisation directly**
- **Project delays will be notified to all participant organisations immediately**
- **Individual delays (e.g. poor submission of IA evidence) will not delay the project**



Assessments

- **Assessments to be completed in 9 month period**
- **The assessment will not interfere with the routine surveillance and re-assessment visits**
- **UKAS will need dates for suitable projects to be assessed that are to be conducted between September 2009 and June 2010**
- **The 3 separate visits will be spaced over the duration of the project could be 2-3 months apart**



Assessment Structure

- **3 separate visits**
- **1st visit – office visit to assess the project planning, contract review, assessment of QAL1 etc**
- **2nd visit – site visit to assess the functionality test, integration to the data collection system etc no sampling will be assessed**
- **3rd visit – office visit to review site records, report and derived calibration function(s)**



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What is the Problem

- **High number of sanctions imposed by UKAS in the SEM area**
- **Repeated instances of SEM organisations not following correct procedures**
- **Difficulties for the EA in performing its regulatory duties**
- **SEM Customer confidence in accreditation affected**



UKAS' Responsibilities

- **Duty to Stakeholders to ensure confidence in accreditation**
- **Responsibility to all accredited organisations to uphold reputation of accreditation**



How UKAS Will Address This

- **Issues relate to site based activities**
- **Need to ensure that assessments capture ‘Every Day’ process**
- **Increased Frequency of Unannounced Visits**
 - **Minimum one per organisation per year**
 - **Continual work schedule submission**
 - **Work with EA and Local Authority to arrange access**



Sanctions Awareness

- **Organisations not representing sanctions correctly**
- **Sanctions often correctly quickly and no ongoing awareness**
- **Sanctions history to be published on SEM schedules**
 - **2 year history**
 - **Full & Partial Suspension**
 - **Additional Assessments**



Operator Awareness

- **Process Operators often:**
 - **Unsure how to select a correct monitoring organisation**
 - **Unaware of the benefits of accreditation**
 - **Unclear of their responsibilities for monitoring**
- **UKAS & EA are producing awareness material targeted at Process Operators**



The Future

- **Constant Review of Unannounced Visit Program**
- **Future frequency will be based upon performance**
- **Ongoing review of progress by UKAS/EA/STA**



QUESTIONS



Conference

Next presentation at 13.10

**The EU Emission Trading Scheme
Rob Gemmill EA**