

EMS

Environmental Management Systems

Environmental
Policy

Management
Review

Continual
Improvement

Planning

Checking/
Corrective
Action

Implementation

EMS under ISO 14001 *NUCONSTEEL's Green Advantage*

Nuconsteel recognizes the importance of active environmental protection and has proactively set up an Environmental Management System (EMS) to manage our environmental requirements and reduce our impact on the environment. Part of the EMS program includes certification for International Organization for Standardization 14001 (ISO 14001), which specifies a process for controlling and improving a company's environmental performance. Nuconsteel received ISO 14001 certification in February of 2008 and has continually focused on improving and maintaining aspects of the requirements for the program, including the environmental policy, planning, implementation and operation, checking and corrective action, as well as management review.

As a part of our EMS, we identify what activities we conduct that can have an effect on the environment. Current objectives and targets of the Nuconsteel EMS include reducing scrap steel produced at all plant facilities, reducing the amount of waste sent to the land fill, and decreasing the amount of energy used at all facilities. This system is implemented as a continuous improvement process by indentifying our processes affect on the environment, minimizing their affect, reviewing our progress to make any necessary changes, and then repeating.

Since its implementation, Shawn Cornett, Nuconsteel Safety & Environmental Supervisor, has this to say of the program,

"ISO 14001 has proven to be a useful tool in helping us move from just maintaining regulatory compliance to a position of improved productivity and enhanced competitive advantage in today's global economy."

Programs such as this further prove Nuconsteel's commitment to our mission statement. "To take care of our customers by being the safest, highest quality, lowest cost, most productive, most profitable, load bearing light gauge steel framing products company in the world. And we will accomplish this while being cultural and environmental stewards in the communities in which we live and work." By implementing a continuous improvement plan, such as an Environmental Management System, Nuconsteel provides comfort to its employees and customers in taking an active role in promoting and implementing best safety practices, as well as environmental advantages that are passed along to customers.

