

Glossary

Environmental Impact

Any change to the environment, whether adverse or beneficial, wholly or partially resulting from an organization's activities, products or services. An environmental impact addresses an environmental problem.

Environmental Aspects

Elements of an organization's activities, products or services which can interact with the environment (ISO 14004). A significant environmental aspect is an environmental aspect which has or can have a significant environmental impact.

Continuous Improvement

The process of enhancing an environmental management system to achieve improvements in overall environmental performance in line with an organization's environmental policy.

Environmental Intervention

Exchange between the economy and the environment including resource extraction, emissions to the air, water, or soil, and aspects of land use. If resource extraction is excluded, the term used in this case is environmental release.

Eco-Efficiency

The relationship between economic output (product, service, activity) and environmental impact added caused by production, consumption and disposal.

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