

Environmental Management Audits

We employ environmental management audits to continually upgrade our risk management and environmental efforts.

The NEC Electronics Group conducts environmental management audits as an alternative to ISO certification audits by external auditing bodies. In fiscal 2007, we conducted a series of environmental management audits from June through September to evaluate environmental impact reduction, risk management, community contributions, and collective environmental management activities for ISO conformity in six domestic manufacturing companies. We determined that the environmental management systems of all of the companies conform to the ISO 14001:2004 edition of the standard, meet environmental performance standards, and that all companies are practicing sound risk management.

The Japan Quality Assurance Organization has again approved the high quality WDI audits we substitute for the ISO 14001 environmental management standards audit as an appropriate auditing system.

Audits are performed by environmental management auditors with specialist abilities equivalent to those of CEAR-registered environmental auditors. At present, we have 21 qualified auditors; of these, two are qualified as CEAR-registered lead auditors and 11 as CEAR-registered auditors. (As of March 31, 2007)



Opening meeting



An outdoor worksite audit

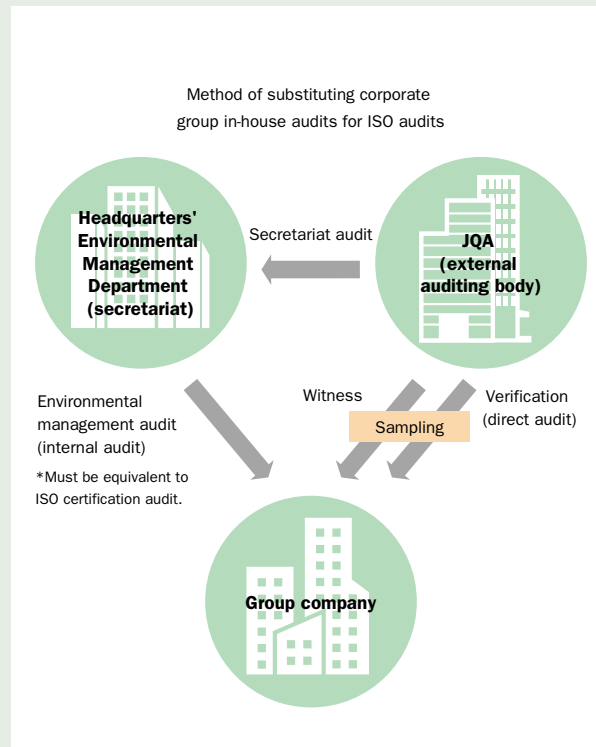


An audit of documents



An audit in the clean room

WDI audit



TALK about ECO — Our environmental efforts



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Our environmental management systems implement large and small PDCA cycles.

To promote environmental activities, all group companies work on mid-term and long-term environmental tasks. It is also important for each employee to approach daily work with an awareness of its environmental implications and make whatever individual efforts are possible to help protect the environment. I want to do everything to ensure that group-wide PDCA and divisional and individual PDCA cycles run smoothly.