



# NEWS ALERT

## Cortec® Corporation Successfully Passes ISO 9001:2015 Transition Audit with No Non-Conformances!



The ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System transition audit was successfully completed at Cortec® World Headquarters February 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Cortec® passed the audit with no non-conformances and was applauded on many aspects by Richard Rockwood, an independent auditor for Bureau Veritas certification agency. He recommended Cortec® for recertification to the ISO 9001:2015 version, a transition that Cortec® has invested many hours into in preparation for the September 14<sup>th</sup> transition deadline.

Rockwood had many positive comments for Cortec® on its transition to the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System. He was impressed with Cortec's performance in a variety of areas including the following:

- Pursuit of Cortec® CEO Boris Miksic's 20/20/20 vision
- Extensive work identifying "interested parties" (those who perceive they are affected by Cortec®, or could have an effect on Cortec®) and their concerns
- Weekly inspections for safety and environmental concerns
- Quality of work done in Cortec's Quality Control lab
- Inter-department cooperation from the time of receiving the customer quote request to the time of handling customer relations after shipment
- Cycle-count accuracy for inventory (compared to a typical percent accuracy of 93% in the field, Cortec® is at the superior level of 99.85%)



Debbie Hannan, Corporate Director of Quality and Safety summarized the auditor's evaluation on Cortec's transition to the new ISO 9001:2015 standard by sharing, "Overall, he was very impressed in how we have transitioned more than . . . other companies. What we have done is outstanding compared to what he has seen in other places."

Cortec® is honored to receive such a high recommendation for recertification to the new ISO 9001:2015 standard. In the coming years, continual improvement to reach the highest level of quality and customer service will remain a priority for Cortec® Corporation.

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