

# NEWS ALERT



## Cortec® Celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Year of ISO 14001 Environmental System Compliance!



Cortec® Corporation is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year of compliance with ISO 14001! After a year of updating its Environmental Management System in order to transition to the requirements of the new ISO 14001:2015 version, Cortec® Corporation was found to be in compliance (with no non-conformities) by external accreditation body NQA after a three-day audit of its system at Cortec® World Headquarters. Over 20 employees were interviewed during the audit and found to be knowledgeable of environmental aspects and controls in their work areas.

Cortec® continues to use a Plan-Do-Check-Act method for the new standard it has implemented.

Some of the main changes in the ISO standard are listed below:



- Strategic environmental management: Understanding the context of an organization in dealing with internal and external environmental issues.
- Leadership: Greater responsibility for top-level management to express their leadership and commitment to environmental management.
- Protecting the environment: Incorporating a commitment to the 'protection of the environment' that includes 'prevention of pollution' and 'other' commitments, such as sustainable resource use, climate change mitigation and adaptation, protection of biodiversity and ecosystems.
- Environmental performance: Improving performance related to the management of environmental aspects.
- Lifecycle thinking: Extending control and influence of environmental impacts from raw material acquisition/generation to end-of-life treatment.
- Communication: Emphasis on internal and external communication, and equal treatment of both.
- Documentation: Greater flexibility to conclude when 'procedures' are required and to choose the best format (paper, cloud, etc.) of documentation



Cortec® Corporation is the global leader in innovative, environmentally responsible VpCI® and MCI® corrosion control technologies for the Packaging, Metalworking, Construction, Electronics, Water Treatment, Oil & Gas, and other industries. Headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota, Cortec® manufactures over 400 products distributed worldwide. ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 Certified, and ISO 17025 Accredited.



Cortec® Corporation was one of the first companies in Minnesota to receive ISO 14001 certification back in 1998. Among other activities, Cortec® continues to follow through on this environmental commitment not only by taking precautions against pollution, but also by continuing to add to its portfolio of biobased products that incorporate renewable resources.

