

Audits

Since November 2006, our Environmental, Health and Safety audit function has been part of our internal audit department, creating synergies between the company's various auditing activities. Our internal audit department serves our shareholders and other stakeholders by providing risk management assurance through effectively and efficiently assessing business processes, controls, procedures and practices, and, where appropriate, developing and suggesting quality improvements designed to assist the organization in optimally achieving its objectives.

The internal audit department conducts periodic reviews in all financial, operational and support aspects of the corporation. This includes providing worldwide quality assurance that our facilities are in compliance with federal, state and local environmental, health, safety and security rules and regulations; company policies and procedures, and our Responsible Care Management System[®] requirements. The internal audit department also provides process evaluations and measurement data to help us achieve our Responsible Care[®] objectives.

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