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Key Changes

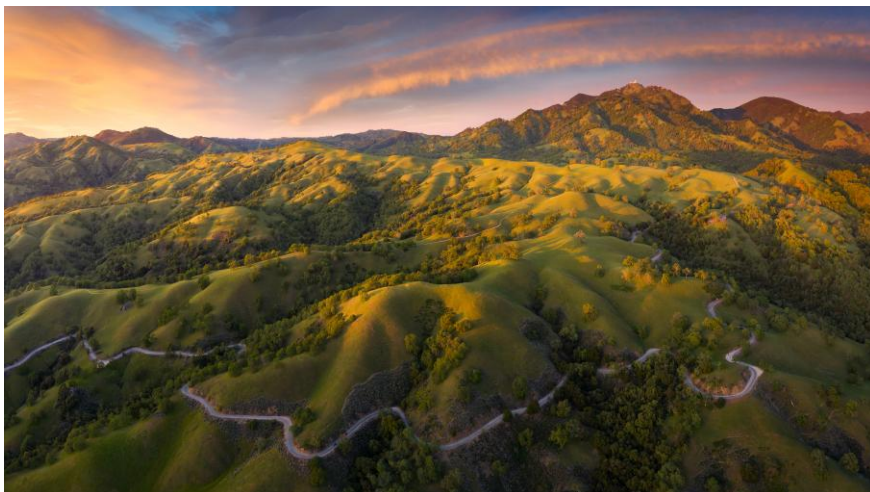
CONTEXT : The organization needs to have a wider perspective on how external environmental factors, such as climate change, sustainability concerns, weather, resource availability, and green initiatives impact the organisation and are impacted by its processes, products and services.

LEADERSHIP : Top management is now more accountable for environmental performance through widening the application of the environmental policy. This includes support obligations to all relevant roles.

PLANNING : The broader context in which the organization operates need to be considered when identifying and addressing environmental risks and opportunities using a risk-based approach. A new clause 6.3 on Management of Change has been added to ensure changes prevent unintended environmental impacts while maintaining positive environmental outcomes.

SUPPORT : Quantitative and qualitative indicators were added, and role of digital solutions e.g. AI and data analytics have been recognized in enhancing environmental performance.

OPERATIONS : Organization's accountabilities have been expanded beyond internal operations, hence environmental risks and opportunities and impacts from externally provided processes, products and services need to be considered. Organizations must assess upstream and downstream impacts. This strengthened the lifecycle thinking and supply chain sustainability.



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Changes were made with the intent to integrate organizations' environmental management systems more into their business processes. Key changes include :

- Clearer requirements on documented information;
- Increased attention on environmental implications of organizations' supply chain
- Use of a life-cycle approach to reinforce environmental protection
- Wider application of environmental conditions affecting the organisation



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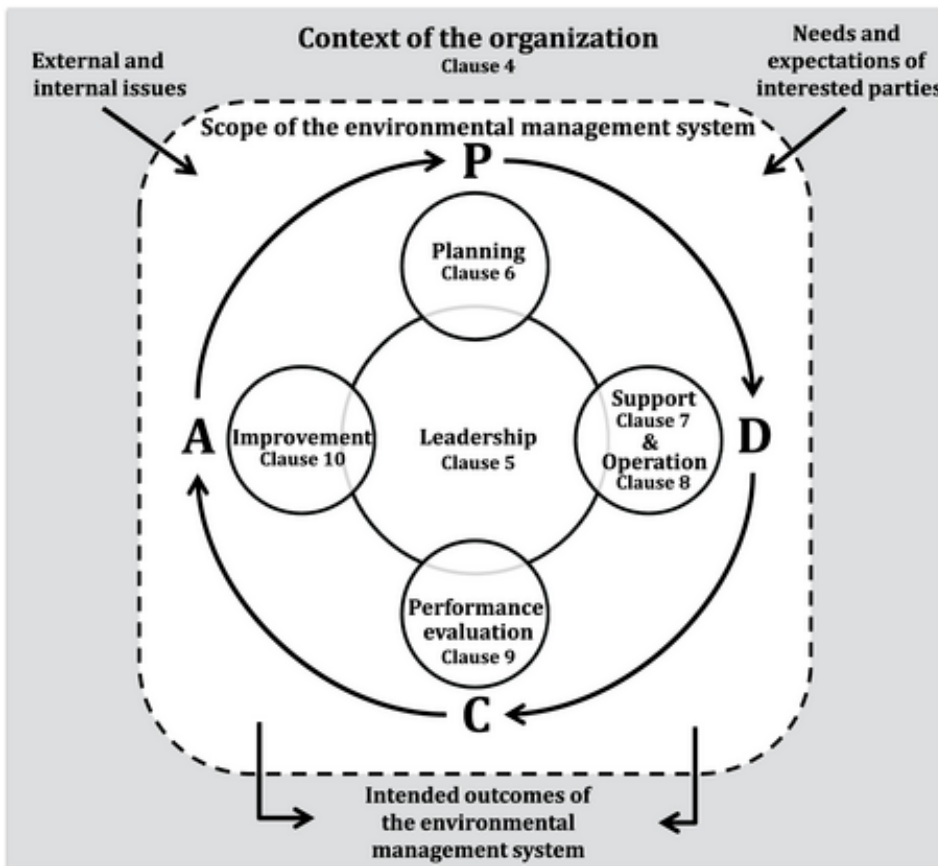
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION : Performance oversight and assurance is strengthened. Management review has been reorganized into sub-clauses covering general requirements, inputs to be considered and analysed, and outputs. Organizations must now determine what to analyse in their environmental performance when measuring the effectiveness of their EMS. Objectives for internal audits need to be defined in addition to scope and criteria.

IMPROVEMENT : Former Clause 10.3 has been integrated into Clauses 10.1 and 10.2 reinforcing that improvement is an embedded ongoing obligation within the EMS.

(Ref : <https://www.quality.org/article/2026-edition-iso-14001-now-available>)

The PDCA framework of ISO14001:2026 remains the same in this new publication.

Figure 1 — Relationship between PDCA and the framework in this document



(Ref : <https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/en/#iso:std:iso:14001:ed-4:v1:en>)



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