

ISO 14001:2026 vs ISO 14001:2015 – Self-Evaluation Checklist (Jan 2026)

Context of the organization				
Clause No.	Clause Title	Key Question	Outcome	Follow Up Action
4.1	Understanding the organization and its context	Have climate change, pollution, biodiversity, and resource issues been assessed as external factors?		
4.2	Understanding the needs and expectations of interested parties	Do stakeholder expectations include environmental & sustainability concerns?		
4.3	Determining the scope of the environmental management system	Is a lifecycle perspective clearly considered?		
Leadership				
5.1	Leadership and commitment	Is leadership actively involved beyond policy approval?		
5.2	Environmental policy	Does it explicitly mention environmental performance and resource conservation?		
5.3	Organizational roles, responsibilities and authorities	Is environmental responsibility clearly assigned and understood?		

Planning				
6.1.1	General	Are identification and action planning clearly separated?		
6.1.2	Environmental aspects	Are emergencies assessed separately from abnormal operations?		
New	New	Is there a structured process to manage EMS-related changes?		
Support				
7.2	Competence	Are training and competency records easily accessible?		
7.4	Communication	Can employees contribute ideas for continual improvement?		
7.5	Documented information	Is EMS documentation “available” rather than just stored?		
Operation				
8.1	Operational planning and control	Are environmentally significant suppliers identified and assessed?		
8.1	Operational planning and control	Are controls defined for external processes/services?		
8.2	Emergency preparedness and response	Do emergency plans align with identified risks?		
Performance Evaluation				

9.1	Monitoring, measurement, analysis and evaluation	Is EMS effectiveness evaluated, not just KPIs?		
9.2	Internal audit	Do audits have clear objectives, scope, and criteria?		
9.3	Management Review	Is the review structured into inputs, process, and outputs?		
Improvement				
10.2	Nonconformity and corrective action	Is root-cause analysis consistently applied and tracked?		

Note: This checklist has been developed based on our current best knowledge, as the relevant ISO standards are still under development, revision, or maturation. It is intended for reference purposes only. Users are advised to conduct their own due diligence to ensure appropriate and accurate adoption.