



Environmental letter 2 - 2018

Environmental management system at MBW

This letter is to inform about ongoing environmental work at Stockholm University and MBW department. It also gives everyone the opportunity to make suggestions and comments on how environmental work can be developed within MBW during the coming years. With any question or suggestion please contact MBW-environmental representative, Heinrich von Fircks, heinrich.vonfircks@su.se

What is ISO 14001 and EMAS?

Stockholm University and MBW works systematically with environmental issues and complies with the requirements of the environmental management standards ISO 14001 and [European Union's Eco-Management and Audit Scheme](#) (EMAS). Consequently, concern for the environment is a part of our daily work.

ISO 14001 is an environmental management system (EMS) utilized in Europe even by governmental organizations. It does not state requirements for environmental performance, but rather maps out a framework that the organization can follow to set up an effective EMS. All ISO standards are reviewed every five years to establish if a revision is required in order to keep it current and relevant. ISO 14001:2015 is designed to respond to latest trends.

The requirements of ISO 14001 are an integral part of the [European Union's Eco-Management and Audit Scheme](#) (EMAS). This is a voluntary [environmental management](#) instrument, which was developed in 1993 by the [European Commission](#). It enables organizations to assess, manage and continuously improve their environmental performance.

MBW has a working group which focus on both work environment and the environmental issues. The Group's members work with environmental goals which are approved by the board/head of department. This group continuously monitors the ongoing environmental work. If you have ideas/suggestions about MBW's ongoing environmental work, please do not hesitate, contact Heinrich von Fircks, heinrich.vonfircks@su.se or Emma Aldenstam emma.aldenstam@su.se (chairman of the group).

External inspection at MBW in September

Among several other institutions, MBW will be inspected the 20th of September 2018 to verify that we work according to ISO 14001:2015 and EMAS 1222/2009. The discussions will focus on our environmental management system and what co-workers in our department know about Stockholm University environmental policy rules and action plan.

For you as a co-worker, it is important to:

- **Be familiar with the University's environmental policy**

https://www.su.se/polopoly_fs/1.286615.1465912109!/menu/standard/file/environmentalpolicy_160407.pdf

- **Be familiar with the action plan for Stockholm University**

https://www.su.se/polopoly_fs/1.286616.1465912160!/menu/standard/file/environmentalplan_2016_2017.pdf

- Be familiar with other essential documents which provides you with instructions and policy rules. There are documents regarding energy consumption, green IT, chemical handlings procedures, waste management procedures, handling of hazardous waste, travel etc. All these document can be found in the following folder:
<https://www.su.se/sustainablecampus/management/documents>
- Be familiar with the MBW planned environmental actions plans and results of the past years. These files can be found in folder: PUB(\\file.mbw.se)(P:) [Miljö](#)
[Miljöhandlingsplan](#).
- Tell us your ideas (it is even possible to document them in Samir system) on how our University and our department, MBW, can make improvements in environmental work. Register deviations in Samir when you notice them in your daily work.

In case you do not know how to document incidents, please do not hesitate to contact your local environmental representatives, Heinrich von Fircks, heinrich.vonfircks@su.se or Beatriz Campos, beatriz.campos@su.se.