

GREEN BUILDING IS SERIOUS BUSINESS



ISO 14001 CERTIFIED MANUFACTURER



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At American Buildings Company (ABC), a Nucor company, we are committed to an effective environmental policy that helps us manage and reduce our impact on the world around us. That's why we are proud to announce that all four ABC divisions have achieved ISO 14001 certification.



As an ISO 14001 certified manufacturer, American Buildings Company is dedicated to protecting our environment and reducing waste. Every ABC teammate is responsible for environmental protection. We also require contractors, vendors and suppliers to comply with applicable environmental laws.

ISO 14001 CERTIFICATION

What is ISO 14001?

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001 is a standard for Environmental Management Systems (EMS) that applies to all businesses, regardless of size, location or income. The standard aims to continually reduce the environmental footprint of a business and to decrease the pollution and waste a business produces.



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A RIGOROUS PROCESS

A company saying it is committed to environmental and sustainable concepts is one thing. Achieving ISO 14001 certification it is quite another.

In order for an organization to be awarded an ISO 14001 certificate it must be externally audited by an accredited audit firm. For ABC, this rigorous, demanding process took a full year and included education and training for every team member.

We invested more than 10,000 hours to ensure all four divisions would reach the goal. The process was challenging, to say the least, but an extremely worthwhile investment as it taught us how to better use resources and protect the environment.



WHY IS ABC COMMITTED TO EMS?

Implementing Environmental Management Systems (EMS) yields both business and environmental benefits, including:

- Improved environmental performance
- Enhanced, sustainable compliance
- Prevention of pollution and conservation of resources
- Reduced risks
- Satisfied customer demand for EMS requirements
- Increased efficiency
- Reduced costs
- Enhanced employee morale
- Greater employee awareness of environmental issues and responsibilities



KEEPING IT GREEN

To continually improve the effectiveness of our Environmental Management System, ABC is:

- Pursuing pollution prevention and waste minimization opportunities
- Investigating and developing technologies and operations that improve environmental performance
- Regularly evaluating the Environmental Management System and making ongoing improvements



WANT TO GO GREEN? GO WITH METAL.

Metal building systems are the poster child for sustainability and “green.”

Steel is the most recycled material on the planet. Nucor typically recycles 22 million tons of scrap annually, including 9 million cars. Recycled steel reduces mining waste by 97 percent, air pollution by 86 percent and water pollution by 76 percent. Producing steel through recycling also uses significantly less energy than conventional steelmaking. In fact, the energy Nucor saves annually through recycling compared to conventional steel production is enough to power Los Angeles for eight years.

The typical American Buildings Company building is manufactured from at least 70 percent recycled steel. To top that, at the end of its useful life, 100 percent of an American building can be recycled into a variety of steel products including new cars, appliances, buildings and bridges.

American Buildings Company was the first metal buildings manufacturer in North America to switch to 100 percent “cool” paint systems as standard, at no up charge, for all roof and wall panels. This environmentally friendly cool technology was originally developed for Stealth Aircraft in the U.S. Military. These coatings help generate lower environmental temperatures, reducing smog and the heat island effect. They also help reduce cooling costs in hot summer months.



ABC SCORES WITH GREEN TEAM

American Buildings Company is making a cost saving difference with its Green Team, a group of volunteers from ABC's plants, offices and the transportation group. Formed in June 2008, the ABC Green Team has already made its mark by reducing, reusing and recycling materials the company uses in day-to-day operations.

ABC has also cut costs by significantly reducing electrical power usage. Each division is working closely with local utility companies to carry out energy audits and analyze the effectiveness of power consumption. Results have been dramatic.



ABOUT AMERICAN BUILDINGS COMPANY

For more than 65 years, American Buildings Company has been pioneering the design, manufacture and delivery of metal building and roofing systems that set the industry standard. From industrial and commercial structures to tailored projects for the automotive, retail and transportation industries, the ABC family of authorized Builders has the expertise to exceed expectations for custom engineered metal building projects in a variety of industry segments.

ABC delivers a proven combination of products, technology and customer service to accurately execute projects on time and on budget. For more information on American Buildings Company, please visit: www.americanbuildings.com.



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