



**denkstatt conducts Environmental Site Assessments for companies seeking to improve their environmental performance. This procedure complies with the requirements of the American Society of Testing Materials and is used in many cases as part of Due Diligence audits.**

#### Objective

The environmental site assessment (Phase 1) aims at the evaluation of the past and current activities on the actual company premises as well as the impact of neighbouring properties regarding possible contaminations of the location in question.

Recommendations are also offered to the company for further procedures in the environmental agendas. These recommendations aim at providing measures, but can also represent detail analyses of potential harmful incidents in form of an environmental site assessment.

#### Procedure

The introduction to the environmental site assessment includes the overview of the past and current use of the site in question. Particularly attention is paid to harmful incident topics such as production and storage as well as use of hazardous materials. Results are then evaluated with regard to their threat of potential contamination for the specific location.

Nearby contamination sources such as other company locations as well as landfills are also included in the evaluation. Investigations also include reference to documents from public bodies (such as the Federal Environmental Agency, provincial governments, etc.) to establish a comprehensive overview of previous use and current status of the location.

The environmental site assessment is carried out directly on site in the facility and includes the following topics:

- Location description
- Location history
- Environmentally relevant activities at the site
- Legal compliance

At the same time an inspection of the facility establishes the environmental status current activities.

#### Benefits

The findings acquired during the environmental site assessment are documented in the form of a report that provides information concerning the status of the location in question. This report is normally used as part of a subsequent due diligence audit for environment questions and besides content also provides cost benefits for the company. Recommendations from the report should be implemented in the form of measures to increase the environmental performance of the company.

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