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TOPIC: Needed actions regarding ISO 9001:2008

Introduction:

ISO 9001:2008 was issued 13 November 2008. ANAB issued a “Heads Up” (#129 dated 26 August 2008) that described the methods to be utilized to transition to this new standard.

Discussion:

ISO 9001:2008 has no new requirements from ISO 9001:2000. The new document provides clarifications to the existing requirements of ISO 9001:2000.

By 13 November 2009, all new certifications and re-certifications must be to ISO 9001:2008.

By 13 November 2010, any existing certification issued to ISO 9001:2000 shall not be valid.

SQA Position:

Between now and November 12, 2009, it is the customer’s decision whether to have their registration be to the 2000 version of the standard or the 2008 version.

Beginning November 13, 2009, we only have 12 months remaining before registrations to ISO 9001:2000 expire and are invalidated. Therefore:

- For new clients – they must be registered to the new standard.
- For existing clients who are having a re-certification audit – they must be registered to the new standard.
- For existing clients who are having an annual surveillance audit – they must be registered to the new standard.

The only client that can opt for a continuing registration to the 2000 version is one who is on a semi-annual surveillance activity. But be careful to inform them that their next activity will have to be to the new version and their existing certificate will become invalidated November 13, 2010.

The new standard can be purchased online and downloaded from the following sources:

ISO:

(<http://www.iso.org/iso/search.htm?qt=iso+9001&searchSubmit=Search&sort=rel&type=simple&published=on>)

ANSI:

(<http://webstore.ansi.org/FindStandards.aspx?SearchString=iso+9001&SearchOption=1&PageNum=0>)

ASQ: (<http://www.asq.org/quality-press/display-item/index.html?item=T860E>)

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