

THE ISO 14000 SERIES

The ISO 14000 series was developed in 1996 by the International Organization for Standardization, with continuous improvement as the fundamental principle of the standard. The ISO 14001 is utilized in over 150 countries to aid in environmental management.

As environmental stewards, Belden Brick has developed and implemented this as its environmental management system. This is a tool used to aid in pollution prevention, maintain compliance to current regulations, demonstrate sustainability and social responsibility and reduce our impact on the environment.

Through the certification process, Belden developed and implemented an Environmental Policy Manual, Standard Operating Procedures and Work Instructions for all critical actions that have the potential to impact the environment.



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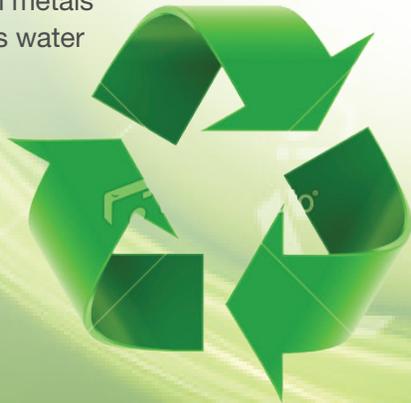
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Belden Brick's environmental policy can be summarized into three main points:

1. Pollution Prevention

- ▶ Through training and increased communication, employees have an increased awareness of their impact on the environment, as well as effective and efficient methods to prevent and respond if incidents were to occur.
- ▶ Belden Brick has a recycling program, not only for everyday wastes, but also materials used in the brick manufacturing processes such as sand and green brick recycling.
- ▶ Belden has developed processes and recipes to include post-industrial wastes into our products in a manner that maintains the structural integrity of the product.
 - ▶ This displaces raw material.
 - ▶ Reduces wastes going to landfills.
 - ▶ Directly replaces mined materials that are used for additives.
 - ▶ Reduces gas consumption because of lower firing curves.
- ▶ Belden has engineered and constructed a passive treatment system to aid in metals reduction in the mining operation's water treatment processes.
- ▶ Reuse post-industrial lime slurry for water treatment.



2. Environmental Compliance

- ▶ This includes all local, state and federal requirements regarding air, water, and material and waste management.
- ▶ The system is used as a tool for communication to ensure Belden is aware and involved in environmental rule development and changes.
- ▶ Properly trained and equipped personnel working in a safe environment.

3. Continuous Improvement

- ▶ Annual internal and third party audits to verify compliance with the program.
- ▶ Formal corrective/preventive action programs in which everyone can participate and that is reviewed by corporate management.
- ▶ A commitment to continually attempt to improve every facet of our business.

