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Environmental Inspections and the role of the EMAS verifier – Czech Republic

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Is EMAS part of the national legislation regarding environmental inspections? Is there a difference to the IED?

- Mostly transposition of the EU legislative - IED
- Act on IPPC No. 76/2002 – implementing regulation – decree No. 288/2013
 - § 4 - Content of the application for the permit – EMAS just as an additional document
 - § 20b – Inspection: Environmental Inspectorate TAKES INTO ACCOUNT the companies with EMAS

How does the practical implementation of inspections work?

- Practically it doesn't have any effect on the control process
- Control process are described in the Act no. 255/2012 Sb. (Control act), NO EMAS reference
- All requirements need to be fulfilled in 4 months
- Step by step process

What is the difference between EMAS organizations and Non-EMAS organizations regarding environmental inspections?

- Theory
 - higher awareness of the environmental legislation
 - Obligatory documents are in order – actualized operating rules, emergency plans and others
- Practise
 - From inspection point of view – Non significant
 - Duration of the control

What experiences do EMAS organizations have regarding environmental inspections?

- The higher awareness of reporting duties
- Annual actualization of environmental statement points to potential errors
- Self-assurance from the company's and the EMS manager's point of view

What is the current role of the EMAS verifier regarding environmental inspections?

- 2 different subjects
- Verifiers are private companies x inspectors are public bodies
- They both have to do the inspection, regardless of the having ISO or EMAS.
- The company have duty to inform the verifier about the inspections and their fines – we don't know if this is happening.

The No. of companies affected by environmental inspections and the number of EMAS companies affected by environmental inspections

- Companies affected by envi. inspections – cca 100 000
- Czech Environmental Inspectorate does annually on average 16 000 inspections
- IPPC companies = 1761 (obligatory inspection – every three years each)
- EMAS companies = 19 (without public institutions)

Thank you!

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