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BEAC seeks comments on Standards revision

The Board of Environmental, Health & Safety Auditor Certifications (BEAC®) is pleased to announce that the final draft of the revised *Performance and Program Standards for the Professional Practice of Environmental, Health & Safety Auditing (Standards)*, has been completed. In accordance with its mission to promote high standards of practice and to be the leading organization for certification of environmental, health, and safety auditing professionals, BEAC is asking for stakeholder comments on the revised draft *Standards*.

The Exposure Draft can be downloaded from the BEAC website, www.beac.org, or by contacting the BEAC office. BEAC is asking for input from stakeholders throughout the world. The Exposure Draft will be open for comment for a period of 90 days beginning February 1, 2008 and **ending April 30, 2008**.

These revised *Standards* provide greater clarity, transparency, and ease of use. They have been updated to reflect the dramatic changes the auditing profession has undergone over the past several years. The *Standards* have their roots in the well-established standards of the BEAC's parent organizations, the Auditing Roundtable (AR) and the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). BEAC recognizes the IIA and the AR leadership for their outstanding support, guidance, and assistance in the first set of the *Standards* issued in 1999, and their continued support on the revised 2008 edition.

According to Jim Ball, Chair of the BEAC Standards Board, "The *Standards* are there for the auditing profession. It is essential that the profession has high standards that are well respected on a global basis. It is simply a step forward in advancing the EH&S auditing profession." The *Standards* provide auditors, management, and all stakeholders with a benchmark to ensure that their EH&S auditors demonstrate professional skills, proficiency, and knowledge to meet the high qualifications essential to quality EHS auditing, and promoted by BEAC.

About BEAC

BEAC is an independent, nonprofit certification board, established in 1997 to issue professional certifications relating to environmental, health, and safety auditing and other scientific fields. BEAC was originally created as a joint venture between The Institute of Internal Auditors and the Auditing Roundtable. The BEAC CPEA certification designation is fully accredited by the Council on Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB). For more information about BEAC, visit www.beac.org.

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