Used by organizations across the world to manage and reduce energy use and costs, ISO 50001 is an excellent framework to help implement an energy management system (EnMS).

The key changes and benefits of the revised standard include:

- A stronger emphasis on the responsibility of leadership
- Clarification of key concepts related to energy performance
- Improved compatibility with ISO 14001 and other ISO management system standards
- Improved sections on data collection and normalization
- The realignment of the content of the standard to the high level structure

An integrated approach
ISO 50001 is based on Annex SL – the ISO high level structure (HLS) that brings a common framework to all management systems. This helps to keep consistency, align different management system standards, offer matching sub-clauses against the top-level structure and apply common language across all standards. With the new standard in place, organizations will find it easier to incorporate their energy management system into the core business processes and get more involvement from senior management.

Leadership and empowerment
There is a much greater focus on top management to demonstrate leadership and commitment with respect to the management system and to ensure consultation and participation of workers in the development, planning, implementation and continual improvement of the energy management system. Top management have a responsibility to ensure that the importance of effective energy management is communicated and understood by all parties and ensuring that the EnMS achieves its intended outcomes.

Risk and opportunity
ISO 50001 takes a business oriented approach that requires broader risks and opportunities to be identified. This robust approach will enable the identification of opportunities that contribute to further improvement in energy performance. Organizations will improve their ability to identify and manage risks more effectively making them more resilient.

Commitment to management standards is proven to deliver real business benefits. Our clients who have adopted an EnMS tell us they benefit in the following ways*:

- 85% Helps us comply with regulations
- 77% Helps us reduce costs
- 46% Helps manage business risk
- 46% Helps reduce waste defects

*Source: 2017 BSI Benefits – BSI clients were asked which benefits they obtained from certification to ISO 50001.
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