

Tolko Industries Ltd.
CSA Z809/ ISO 14001:1996 External Audit Summary
Manitoba Woodlands

Audit Standard:

CAN/CSA Z809:2002 ISO 14001:1996

Type of Audit:

Initial Registration Audit

Concurrent with a 12 Month Surveillance Audit for ISO 14001:1996

Audit Purpose/Scope:

To evaluate the suitability, adequacy and effectiveness of the Tolko Industries Ltd. – Manitoba Solid Wood Division Sustainable Forest Management System in meeting the requirements of CAN/CSA Z809:2002 standard and the Tolko Manitoba Sustainable Forest Management Plan on the defined forest area (Forest Management Licence Area #2). SFM Plan dated August 2005.

Audit Dates:

October 5 to 7, 2004.

Auditors:

Quality Management Institute (QMI)

Audit Findings:

All of the applicable requirements of the CAN/CSA Z809:2009 were audited and considered to be adequately implemented.

Non-conformances:

There were no non-conformances noted for this audit.

Positive Aspects of the Sustainable Forest Management System:

CSA:

- 1) Prompt and effective regeneration program.
- 2) Excellent progress towards meeting Tolko's road decommissioning target (108 Km done to date).
- 3) Very comprehensive and clearly written Sustainable Forest Management Plan.
- 4) Requirement for contractors to have more than a basic awareness of CSA SFM elements (eg. specific indicators and stakeholder participation requirements).
- 5) All cut-overs assessed showed residual structure (ie. standing trees) well in excess of the 5 stems/hectare required.
- 6) Good use of 'Parking Lot' for unresolved public advisory group issues to ensure they aren't forgotten.
- 7) Good use of a website to promote the divisions SFM commitment and results.
- 8) The SFM Performance Framework will be presented at each annual operating plan meeting to educate public members which may not be part of the public advisory process for the standard as well as to ensure Tolko's SFM commitments and achievements are available to the public in a wider forum than usual.
- 9) Reporting annually on indicators which may not be due for a formal report until a later date to ensure that current progress towards a distant target can be tracked.

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- 10) Prompt and effective regeneration program.
- 11) Excellent progress towards meeting Tolko's road decommissioning target (108 Km done to date).
- 12) All cut-overs assessed showed residual structure (i.e. standing trees) well in excess of the 5 stems/hectare required.
- 13) Use of pressurized water tanks on mobile equipment to assist in fire fighting (Nelson Lake Logging).
- 14) An abundance of spill kits on field sites.
- 15) Very well prepared contractors with regards to their EMS responsibilities (Grand Rapids First Nation, Moose Lake Logging).

Opportunities for Improvement:**CSA:**

- There were 8 Opportunities for Improvement

System Weaknesses:**CSA:**

- There were 3 System weaknesses

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- There was 1 System weakness

Audit Conclusions:

The results of the Initial Registration Audit indicate that the Tolko Industries Ltd. – Manitoba Solid Wood Division Sustainable Forest Management System is suitable and effective and will be recommended for registration to CAN/CSA Z809:2002.

The results of the 12 Month Surveillance Audit indicate that the Tolko Industries Ltd. – Manitoba Solid Wood Division Sustainable Forest Management System continues to be suitable and effective and will be recommended for continued registration to ISO 14001:1996.