



## Environmental Health & Safety Audit Protocol Venezuela 2021

### release notes

**STP ComplianceEHS (STP) announces** the release of its newly developed environmental, health and safety (EHS) audit protocol for Venezuela. This audit protocol covers relevant national EHS requirements. The regulatory date for the current release is March 2021.

This EHS audit protocol is organized around twenty topics, with a separate section devoted to each, as follows:

- General Environmental
- Air Emissions
- Water and Wastewater Management
- Solid and Hazardous Waste
- Environmental Product Stewardship
- Tank Management
- Community Noise
- PCBs
- Asbestos
- Occupational Health
- Equipment, Machine and Electrical Safety
- Material Handling and General In-Plant Safety
- Fire Safety
- Transport of Dangerous Goods
- Industrial Hygiene
- Chemical Management
- Construction Work Site Safety
- Incident Prevention and Response
- Marine Protection and Operations
- Flora and Fauna

### highlights of the regulatory framework

In Venezuela, the National Assembly, the President of the Republic, the Ministries of the Central Administration and the Municipalities, as well as other government agencies have the right to promulgate legal documents. There are many types of legal documents in Venezuela, but the legal system in the environmental field can be summarized under the categories of Constitution, Laws, Decrees, Resolutions and Municipal Ordinances. The Constitution is the basis of the entire legal system of Venezuela and has the highest legal effect under which all legal documents must be adjusted; the laws are established by the National Assembly; the President of the Republic issues Decrees for the development of laws; Resolutions are issued by Ministers and Ordinances by Municipal Councils.

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The Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism of Venezuela is the main organization responsible for environmental policy and management in the country.

Additionally, in Venezuela there is a set of “voluntary” Technical Standards emanating from the Venezuelan Commission of Industrial Standards (COVENIN) that establish technical specifications or requirements for the management of products, services, processes, the environment and other socio-economic activities. They are originally “non-mandatory standards,” but it is frequent that they become mandatory by mandate of some law, decree or resolution; this is particularly common in the COVENIN Technical Regulation that deals with the matter of occupational health and safety and fire control.



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