

COMPANY PROFILE

Fairchild Semiconductor is a leading global supplier of high performance power and mobile products that serves a variety of markets, including the domestic automotive industry. The products made within the company's Mountain Top, Pennsylvania plant, which is primarily a wafer fabrication facility, enable Fairchild customers to significantly improve electrical efficiencies in a wide range of industrial and appliance applications and also improve the fuel efficiency of today's high-tech automobiles. The company's Mountain Top, Pennsylvania plant has been in operations since 1960 and manufacturing electronic components since that time. It is home to a leading-edge, state-of-the-art 200mm semiconductor fabrication line.

SITUATION

As a company dedicated to sound environmental practices and high levels of employee safety and well-being, Fairchild Semiconductor's Mountain Top, Pennsylvania plant is an ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18000 certified facility. Plant management wanted reassurance that the organization was operating in compliance with ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18000 standards and had met or surpassed the performance requirements of those standards throughout 2010 and 2011. In order to verify its adherence to ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18000 requirements, Fairchild was in need of an external, objective third-party to perform internal audits of operations governed by ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18000.

SOLUTION

NEPIRC used its internal competencies and its on-staff Quality Management Systems Lead Auditor expertise to provide the company with the objective, third-party ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18000 audits it desired as a way to validate its adherence to ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18000 standards and ensure that it would successfully retain its ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18000 certifications.

RESULTS // As a result of this engagement, the company received ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18000 audits as prescribed by its ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18000 Registrar and was found to be in compliance with those Standards. As such, it was able to maintain its certifications and retained the sales generated by customer companies that require those certifications. Through this engagement, the company was able to avoid the cost of noncompliance with either the ISO 14001 or OHSAS 18000 standard. The company also avoided internal costs associated with having the audits performed in-house.

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“ We've been using NEPIRC's ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18000 audit services for several years now, and have been consistently delighted with the service they provide. NEPIRC is a local resource that is very valuable to the manufacturing community and provides services we would not be able to find elsewhere. ”

- Greg Klusewitz, Facilities Engineering
Fairchild Semiconductor - Mountain Top, Pennsylvania

