



## **Process Safety Management** **Compliance Audits**

The scope and application of OSHA regulation 29 CFR 1910.119, defines the facilities requirements for preventing or minimizing the potential of catastrophic releases of toxic, reactive, flammable, or explosive chemicals. In short, any facility that stores or processes hazardous chemicals listed in Appendix A of the standard in excess of prescribed threshold quantities must comply with this regulation by developing and implementing a Process Safety Management (PSM) Plan.

In maintaining adherence to 1910.119 Section (o)(1) facilities must conduct **Compliance Audits every three years** to verify that the procedures and practices developed under the standard are adequate and being followed. A report shall be generated discussing the findings of the audit and a determination shall be made as to the appropriate response to each of the audit's findings. Compliance audits are very important to assure your employees are safe in their work environment, to identify areas in the process that need updating and to maintain compliance with the standard.

If you are in need of a compliance audit or want to know if your facility needs to comply with the PSM standard contact Andrew Kassoff (akassoff@daa.com) or Bill Kreye (bkreye@daa.com) at (804) 264-2228.