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Impartiality & Independence Policy

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EnviroSense ensures independence in verification and validation by identifying and managing conflicts of interest. ISO 17029 mandates that verification bodies maintain impartiality and objectivity.

Our Commitments

- **Independence Requirements**

EnviroSense defines independence as reaching an objective verification or validation conclusion free from external influence. Threats to independence include business or personal relationships with clients; gifts, benefits, or inducements; disputes or contractual disagreements; long-term engagements leading to familiarity bias.

- **Managing Conflict of Interest**

All potential conflicts of interest will be logged in the Conflict of Interest Register, assessed for significance, and mitigated through documented safeguards. If they are not manageable, they will be eliminated, leading to withdrawal from the verification and validation.

- **Verification and Validation Governance and Compliance**

To uphold ISO 17029 principles, EnviroSense ensures that there will be annual independence reviews of all verification and validation and personnel and mandatory conflict of interest declarations before engagements. Independent quality reviewers, trained to the same level as the Lead Verifier, will conduct verification and validation reviews

- **Director's Responsibilities**

EnviroSense Directors shall oversee compliance with ISO 17029 and ISO 14064-3; conduct an annual review of verification and validation independence and impartiality; document and address any potential conflicts of interest in verification and validation planning.

Implementation and Accountability

Our team is responsible for ensuring the implementation and enforcement of this Impartiality and Independence policy, which is reviewed annually.