1V. ISO35001: A Stepwise Process to Assess and Improve Biorisk Management Program

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Virtual Professional Development Course

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🔍 Overview

In 2019, ISO published a new biorisk management standard that many biomedical research laboratories all over the world are adopting. This workshop will provide presentations, facilitated discussions, and tools to introduce concepts related to biosecurity and biosafety (biorisk) management systems. Attendees will gain a deep understanding of biorisk management (BRM) systems and learn to apply the ISO 35001 framework as a strategic planning tool. The course guides participants in mapping their current systems to the ISO standard, identifying gaps, and prioritizing improvements to enhance biosafety and biosecurity practices. Using the ISO 35001 as a planning and mapping tool, will enable institutions to effectively identify, assess, control, and monitor the laboratory biosafety and biosecurity risks associated with hazardous biological materials using the concept of continual improvement through the PDCA (Plan-Do-Check-Act) principle.

🗝 Objectives:

- Identify the key elements of a BRM system based on the review sections of the ISO 35001 BRM system standard
- Map existing BRM systems to the ISO 35001 and identify both strengths and opportunities to improve existing system
- Develop project ideas that will impact and improve existing systems
- Prioritize project ideas or areas that need improvement based on cost, impact, optics and precedencies
- Select an area for improvement and identify a simple, short term, project idea to help strengthen one element within the existing system
- Plan a project using the PDCA and GORRPI process (Goals, Objectives, Roles/Responsibilities, and Performance Indicators)

📊 Audience Level: Intermediate

✅ Suggested Background: None

🎯 Who Should Attend: Experienced Biosafety Professionals, All Safety Professionals

📝 Course Logistics: Course is five 100-minute sessions. Attendees will need to log on 10 minutes prior to the start time. To receive credit and a certificate, attendees must attend all the sessions and complete or access all course modules. The course materials are for **registered participants only**.

🏷 Course Fees: ***ABSA Member: $550** **Non-member: $735**
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