

FIVE STEPS TO ACE YOUR NEXT AUDIT



PEST CONTROL DOWN TO A SCIENCE[®]

Audit scores are essential to the success of all processing and manufacturing facilities, and pest management plays a huge role. In fact, pest control can account for up to 20 percent of your total score.

An Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program not only helps you achieve high marks on your third-party audits, but helps protect the value of your products and safety of your customers. IPM focuses on strategies like sanitation and facility maintenance to help prevent pest activity, which is exactly what auditors like to see.

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1 Written IPM Program and Risk Assessment – Auditors now ask to see more than just a signed contract between you and your pest management provider. Contracts should include a written IPM program that details:

- Roles and responsibilities of each party
- Qualifications of pest control staff, including licenses and training
- Scope of service
- Appropriate response times
- Scheduled meetings to review IPM program



2 Documentation – Documentation requirements have never been more stringent. In addition to the written IPM program, these pest management records should be current, complete and available for the inspector:

- **General:** service contract, personnel management credentials, evidence of training, liability insurance
- **Pest management:** pest sighting logs, pest management activity report, pest risk assessments, pest trend analysis, records of preventive and corrective actions
- **Monitoring devices:** signed and dated site map of pest control devices, service reports



3 Program Modification – Use monthly observations to help determine changes in your IPM program. By tracking current trends, your program can become more efficient as different tactics prove to be more effective for managing pest sightings.



4 Pest Trend Analysis – Trend analysis of historical pest activity helps identify the cause of pest problems. Auditors now want to see not only charts and graphs of past pest activity, but documentation of the specific *actions taken in response to that data* to improve the IPM program. Pest trend analysis should take place at least quarterly.



5 Annual Facility Assessment – The assessment provides a “check-up” of the IPM program to see if it’s effective and on track to meet audit requirements. During the assessment, you and your pest management provider should review all documentation, perform a physical inspection of the facility, and conduct interviews with key personnel.



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