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ANSI Accredits First Certification Body under Superior Energy Performance Pilot Accreditation Program

Washington, DC, August 12, 2010: The [American National Standards Institute](http://www.ansi.org) (ANSI), coordinator of the U.S. standards and conformity assessment system, today announced that KEMA Registered Quality is the first certification body to be accredited under the Institute's pilot program for Superior Energy Performance (SEP).

The SEP Program, an initiative guided by the U.S. Council on Energy-Efficient Manufacturing (U.S. CEEM), aims to provide industrial plants with a road map for achieving continual improvement in energy efficiency while maintaining competitiveness. Under the terms of the program, a third-party certification body assesses the conformance of a manufacturing facility to the SEP requirements for energy intensity improvement. By requiring that these certification bodies earn ANSI accreditation, U.S. CEEM recognizes the credibility and value that accreditation adds to the process by attesting to the competence and qualification of certifiers to perform their activities.

Launched in late 2009, the ANSI pilot program for Superior Energy Performance is the latest addition to the Institute's slate of accreditation programs. Following deliberation and review of the assessment results, the ANSI accreditation committee made the decision to award KEMA Registered Quality with initial accreditation in accordance with ANSI accreditation requirements and the following standards and scopes:

- ISO 14065:2007, *Greenhouse gases - Requirements for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies*
- Superior Energy Performance, *Plant Measurement and Verification Protocol – Energy Intensity Pathway*

“Accreditation under ANSI's program for Superior Energy Performance attests that KEMA is competent and capable to assess compliance with standards specifying continued improvement and efficiency in energy use,” said Lane Hallenbeck, ANSI vice president of accreditation services. “ANSI congratulates KEMA for achieving accreditation in the vanguard of this new initiative.”

SEP is one of several programs that support the *Save Energy Now* LEADER initiative, launched by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Industrial Technologies Program (ITP) to drive a reduction of 25% or more in industrial energy intensity in 10 years. Working in partnership with U.S. CEEM, states, and regional teams, ITP conducts energy management demonstrations that help *Save Energy Now* LEADER companies achieve ambitious industrial energy intensity reduction goals through strategic energy management.

ANSI's portfolio of accreditation services includes various programs for product certification bodies, personnel certification bodies, certificate programs, greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies, and standards developers.

For more information on the SEP pilot accreditation program, contact Reinaldo Figueiredo, senior program director for product and process accreditation programs, (202-331-3611; accreditation@ansi.org).

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The Institute is the official U.S. representative to the [International Organization for Standardization](#) (ISO) and, via the [U.S. National Committee](#), the [International Electrotechnical Commission](#) (IEC), and is a U.S. representative to the [International Accreditation Forum](#) (IAF).

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