

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM**

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Office of the Chancellor

John Mendelsohn, M.D.  
President, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
1515 Holcombe Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77030

Dear Dr. Mendelsohn:

It was indeed a pleasure to learn that The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center is one of the first three health care institutions and universities in the nation to be awarded ISO 14001 certification. Congratulations to you and your team on this important and prestigious recognition of your Environmental Management System (EMS) that demonstrates adherence to the highest international standards of environmental performance. M.D. Anderson's commitment to superior environmental performance and stewardship produce a profound impact by providing a safety environment for patients, students, faculty, staff and the public, as we are deeply grateful for your special efforts in this critical area.

Implementation of EMS is a logical progression that embodies a cultural shift beginning from mere compliance to rules and directives to a best practice and risk management approach to compliance. System Administration encourages M. D. Anderson to share this program with the U. T. System Environmental Advisory Committee. We believe this will allow other component institutions to consider how this approach might further enhance their environmental programs. In addition, we look forward to future status reports on the benefits of expanding the EMS to include health and safety programs.

I am proud, indeed, of this achievement and ask that you extend congratulations to everyone involved in this program from its conception to implementation. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

R. D. Burck  
Chancellor