The 2007 version of the ANSI/ESD S20.20 standard is still in the revision process. The Working Group held discussions in February and reviewed committee member comments and addressed Technical and Administration Support Committee comments on the new Work-in-Process document. The Working Group is planning to submit the document to the Standards Committee for a vote-by-mail approval by June. If the document is approved without any technical objections it will be released as a draft standard to the industry. The Industry review period seeks industry feedback and comments on the document. The accredited Certification Bodies will be asked to review and comment on the draft document. The document is targeted for an early 2014 release as an approved Standard.

The IEC is also revising IEC 61340-5-1 to remain technically equivalent to the next version of ANSI/ESD S20.20. There is a committee draft that has been circulated to the National Committees for comment. The comment period will close in May and the comments will be reviewed at the June meeting. If there are no major changes to the document, TC 101 will vote to distribute the new version as a Committee Draft for Vote (CDV). If the members approve, it will go to a FDIS stage to become a formal international standard. Currently it is on target for a release in 2014.

Upon release of the new S20.20 version, ESDA will be conducting online training classes for all assessors who received their accreditation to the S20.20-2007 version. This class will also fulfill the five-year training requirement for any assessor whose certification expired in 2013 or will expire in 2014. The class will be between one and two-hours long and costs $195 per assessor. There will be one live online class that will be archived so assessors can view the class at their own convenience. The class archive will be monitored to assure that each assessor views the complete class upon which new credentials will be approved for a new five-year term.

We will keep you updated on the status and progress of the document and training.
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3. The sites must be within a 1-hour drive of each other

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Audit Cycle

To maintain certification to ANSI/ESD S20.20 and/or IEC 61340-5-1, a site must be re-certified annually.

Facility Certification Logo’s

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Clients registered under a 20.20 certified system by [Certification Body Name], an ESDA S20.20 Certification Body, are authorized to apply the ESDA certification mark (above), only on those client documents that relate to the registered system, and not on a product or in any way which could imply product, process or services certification. This right is in effect from the date of certification, ________________, until the expiration date, ________________, as stated on the Certificate of Conformance, and only so long as the client continues to operate in conformance to its certified system.

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