

This study is on environmental audit report of industrial companies. The total population for the study is 200 staff of selected industrial companies in Lagos state. The researcher used questionnaires as the instrument for the data collection. Descriptive Survey research design was adopted for this study. A total of 133 respondents made of engineers, production managers, senior staff and junior staff were used for the study. The data collected were presented in tables and analyzed using simple percentages and frequencies

## **CHAPTER ONE**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **Background of the study**

Environmental quality is an important determinant of human health and the state of environmental conditions are a major contributory factor to poor health and quality of life that hinder sustainable development. Globally, pollution from industrial activities is a major environmental issue facing the world. The World Bank (1992) reported that about 1.3 billion urban residents worldwide are exposed to pollution levels above recommended limits. The environmental quality in most developing countries including Nigeria is increasingly affected by diverse sources of pollution including industrial activities. Hospital based studies and epidemiological studies conducted in different cities in the world produced evidence that pollution causes significant morbidity in the human respiratory and cardio vascular system. The children, elderly, smokers and those with chronic respiratory problems are the most vulnerable group of population to the effects of pollution. The degree of economic development often determines the type of environmental health hazards. Today, Nigeria like many other countries is at risk from the hazards produced from air and water pollution, solid waste, unsafe use of chemicals including pesticides, noise pollution and work place hazards. Consequent upon the consistent increase in nuisance associated with pollution, Nigeria is committed to a national environmental policy that will ensure sustainable development

based on proper management of the environment. On this background the researcher wants to investigate the environmental audit report of industrial companies

### **STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM**

The environmental quality in most developing countries including Nigeria is increasingly affected by diverse sources of pollution including industrial activities. Hospital based studies and epidemiological studies conducted in different cities in the world produced evidence that pollution causes significant morbidity in the human respiratory and cardio vascular system. The children, elderly, smokers and those with chronic respiratory problems are the most vulnerable group of population to the effects of pollution. These make the researcher to carry out the research on environmental audit report of industrial companies

### **OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY**

The objectives of the study are;

To ascertain the impact of industrial activities to the environment

To ascertain the adequate environmental information in industrial companies that are potential environmental risks that are likely to be caused by its operations to the immediate environs

To ascertain the environmental problems and risks to be responses to

To ascertain the effect of environmental audit report of industrial companies

### **RESEARCH HYPOTHESES**

The following have been put forward for testing

**H<sub>0</sub>**: there is no effect of environmental audit report of industrial companies

**H<sub>1</sub>**: there is effect of environmental audit report of industrial companies

**H<sub>0</sub>**: there are no environmental problems and risks to be responses to.

**H<sub>1</sub>**: there are environmental problems and risks to be responses to

### **SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY**

This study will give a clear insight on environmental audit report of industrial companies. The study will be beneficial to student, industrial companies and the

general public. The study will serve as a reference to others researcher

## **1.6 SCOPE AND LIMITATION OF THE STUDY**

The scope of the study covers environmental audit report of industrial companies. The researcher encounters some constrain which limited the scope of the study;

**a) AVAILABILITY OF RESEARCH MATERIAL:** The research material available to the researcher is insufficient, thereby limiting the study

**b) TIME:** The time frame allocated to the study does not enhance wider coverage as the researcher has to combine other academic activities and examinations with the study.

## **1.7 DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT:** Environmental audit is a general term that can reflect various types of evaluations intended to identify environmental compliance and management system implementation gaps, along with related corrective actions. In this way they perform an analogous function to financial audits.

**INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES:** The industrial goods sector includes companies involved with aerospace and defense, industrial machinery, tools, lumber production, construction, waste management, manufactured housing and cement and metal fabrication

**ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD:** An environmental hazard is a substance, a state or an event which has the potential to threaten the surrounding natural environment / or adversely affect people's health, including pollution and natural disasters such as storms and earthquakes

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