
Cradle to Cradle Certification Site Visit Overview

Who should be present at the scheduled site visit?

The auditors would like to meet with someone who can give them a tour of the manufacturing facility, the contact person at your company that will be responsible for day-to-day data needs for the project, and someone with knowledge of the procurement of purchased materials that go into the product in order to discuss the project's data needs and to go over the data packet we will be asking your company to forward to its sub-suppliers. This may be a group of people or it may be one person, depending on your company.

What do the auditors need to see during the site visit?

We will want to tour the production/assembly process for the applicant product(s), to see how suppliers' components come together to make the finished product and understand some basics on process steps and process chemicals. All parts of the plant involved in the manufacturing of the applicant product(s), including raw material storage, manufacturing processes, and waste streams will need to be shown to the auditors. Auditors may ask questions about process times, process temperatures, pollution controls, and personal protective equipment.

What should the client prepare for the site visit?

The client should be prepared to discuss their manufacturing flow, including inputs and outputs, with the auditors. It is preferred that the client also have an outline of the supply chain for the applicant product(s) to review during the site visit meetings. The client should also have reviewed the Cradle to Cradle Certification application prior to the arrival of the auditors, so that they can address any questions.