

► AUDITOR REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS WITH AUDIT COMMITTEES

Communications for All Audits	Authoritative Guidance
An overview of planned scope and timing of audit	AICPA SAS 61 ¶102 AICPA SAS 114 ¶29-33
Auditor responsibility under generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS) and PCAOB Standards	AICPA SAS 61 ¶106 AICPA SAS 114 ¶26-28
Methods of accounting for significant unusual transactions and effects of policies in controversial or emerging areas (e.g., revenue recognition, off-balance sheet financing; and accounting for equity investments)	AICPA SAS 61 ¶107 AICPA SAS 114 Appendix B
Management judgments and accounting estimates	AICPA SAS 61 ¶108 AICPA SAS 114 ¶37-38 and Appendix B
Auditor's judgment about the quality of the company's accounting principles	AICPA SAS 90 ¶11 AICPA SAS 114 ¶37-38 and Appendix B
Adoption of or change in an accounting principle	AICPA SAS 61 ¶107 AICPA SAS 114 Appendix B
Material, corrected misstatements brought to the attention of management by the auditor	AICPA SAS 61¶109 AICPA SAS 114 ¶35
Unrecorded misstatements, other than those the auditor believes to be trivial	AICPA SAS 61¶109 AICPA SAS 114 ¶40-41
Other information in documents containing audited financial statements (e.g., MD&A)	AICPA SAS 61¶110 AICPA SAS 114 ¶28
Disagreements with management	AICPA SAS 61¶111 AICPA SAS 114 ¶42
Consultation with other accountants	AICPA SAS 61¶112 AICPA SAS 114 ¶43
Major issues discussed with management prior to retention (initial or recurring)	AICPA SAS 61¶113 AICPA SAS 114 ¶44
Significant issues discussed with management (i.e., business considerations, business plans and strategies)	AICPA SAS 114 ¶44
Significant difficulties encountered during the audit	AICPA SAS 61¶114 AICPA SAS 114 ¶39
Fraud and illegal acts	AICPA SAS 99 AICPA SAS 54
Representations requested from management	SEC Section 10A (k)(3) AICPA SAS 114
Other issues arising from the audit the auditor considers significant and relevant to those charged with governance	SEC Section 10A AICPA SAS 114 ¶34e
Significant deficiencies and material weaknesses identified during the audit/ integrated audit	PCAOB AS 5 and conforming amendments AICPA SAS 115
Independence	AICPA SAS 114 ¶45-47

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Additional Communications for Audits of Public Issuers	Authoritative Guidance
AC pre-approval of services	SEC Section 10A Audit Requirements (i)(1)(A)
Critical accounting policies and practices	SEC Section 10A Audit Requirements (k)(1) and FRR No. 60
Material alternative accounting treatments discussed with management	SEC Section 10A Audit Requirements (k)(2)
Other material written communications with management (e.g., management letters and schedules of material adjusted differences and unadjusted differences, if any, etc.)	SEC Section 10A Audit Requirements (k)(3)
Independence matters	PCAOB Rule 3526

Additional Communications for Integrated Audits	Authoritative Guidance
Scope of audit of internal control over financial reporting [for purposes of seeking audit committee pre-approval of service]	PCAOB Rule 3525 ¶a
Communication that the auditor has informed management of all deficiencies in internal control identified during the audit	PCAOB AS 5 ¶81
[If applicable] Communication that a material weakness(es) was (were) not disclosed or identified as such in management's assessment of internal control	PCAOB AS 5 ¶91 Note
[If applicable] Auditor's belief that the required disclosure about a material weakness is not fairly presented in all material respects within management's reporting on internal control	PCAOB AS 5 Appendix C ¶2
[If applicable] Auditor's conclusion that the audit of internal control over financial reporting cannot be satisfactorily completed and he or she cannot express an opinion because there has been a limitation on the scope of the audit	PCAOB AS 5 Appendix C ¶7
[If applicable] Additional information within management's report on internal control contains a material misstatement of fact	PCAOB AS 5 Appendix C ¶14
[If applicable] Auditor's belief that management's Section 302 disclosures about changes in internal control require modification	PCAOB AS 5 Appendix C ¶15

Additional Communications for Audits of NYSE Registrants	Authoritative Guidance
Auditor's internal quality-control procedures	NYSE Corporate Governance Standards – Section 303A.07(c)(iii)(A)
Material issues raised in quality control reviews w/in preceding 5 years and action taken	NYSE Corporate Governance Standards – Section 303A.07(c)(iii)(A)
Assess independence with regard to all relationships b/t auditor and the company	NYSE Corporate Governance Standards – Section 303A.07(c)(iii)(A)