

Toolbox Talk 7 – Contaminated Land

What is needed?

Site specific rules and procedures regarding contaminated land

Estimated duration

10 minutes

The discussion

If there is contaminated land on site a detailed plan of the contaminants and the risks involved with their removal has been drawn up prior to the commencement of work on site. It is vital that these plans are carefully followed.

The followed general points should be complied with when working with contaminated material:

- Be aware of who is responsible for dealing with contaminated material
 - Be aware of the contaminants present on site and ensure that you follow all precautions presented to you at all times
 - Make use of any decontamination facilities that are provided and do not cross contaminated areas, always be aware of the clean and dirty areas
 - Do not dig any unauthorised boreholes, excavations or trial pits
 - If you unexpectedly uncover contaminated land during excavation replace it carefully where it was found. If the material is loose carefully recover it with earth and inform either your supervisor or the person who is officially responsible for dealing with the contaminated land
 - Be aware of any watercourses on site or any water sources and do not allow any contaminated material to enter these areas
 - Make use of any wheel wash facilities provided on site especially when taking contaminated material off site
 - Ensure all vehicles are sheeted when removing contaminated material off site
 - Be aware of any security procedures that may be in place to secure the contaminated areas when not being worked upon
 - Always follow the site specific rules when working on a contaminated land site especially where personal protective.
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Discussion point

Review the current procedure concerning contaminated land and discuss with the group what specific controls are in place.



Training register

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Name of attendee

Signature

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