

Asbestos Network Technical Working Group (ANTWG)	
Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th July 2022 via MS Teams	
<p>Present: Sam Lord (SL) (HSE/Chair/Minutes), Steve Watkins (SW) (Industry), Graham Warren (GW) (ACAD), Steve Sadley (SS) (ARCA), Gareth Jones (GJ) (UKATA), Jonathan Grant (BOHS-FAAM), Colette Willoughby (NORAC).</p> <p>Note: <i>These minutes are a note of the discussions had on the date of the meeting. Some items will be discussed over a number of meetings. Taking one set of minutes in isolation may not reflect the final position and readers need to be aware of this. As and when a final position is reached this will be made clear within the relevant minute item.</i></p>	
1	<p>Introductions, apologies and welcome:</p> <p>SL welcomed all attendees to the meeting. Jonathan Grant (BOHS/FAAM) indicated that he was having connectivity issues so may need to drop out of the meeting.</p>
2	<p>Minutes of ANTWG meeting (No.34) and acceptance:</p> <p>The minutes from May 2022 (No. 34) meeting were accepted. Action: Finalised minutes to be sent to AsbNet members via AsbNet Secretariat. (SL)</p>
3	<p>Matters/actions arising from Meeting No.34 May 2022 – See table at end of these minutes</p>
4a	<p>Decontamination Unit Services (Gas and Electrical Safety) Appendix</p> <p>The final draft was agreed by members, and final changes made to text, layout etc.</p> <p>Action: GW to make changes as agreed and send to SL following a request from HSE electrical specialist to give a final review. SL to send finalised appendix out to TWG members</p>
4b	<p>NPU Connection & Disconnection Appendix</p> <p>The final draft was agreed by members, and final changes/suggestions made to text, layout etc.</p> <p>Action: SS to send finalised NPU Remote Connection Appendix to SL for final editorial review.</p>
4c	<p>NPU measurement of airflow appendix - revision</p> <p>SL explained that following the concerns raised at the last meeting she had tried to seek clarification from Martin Gibson as to whether the revised version (April 19) had been issued as it was not clear from the meeting minutes. From discussions with GW, it was agreed that this Appendix required further revision to include guidance on selection and use of an anemometer to measure airflow.</p> <p>Action: SL to revise NPU measurement of airflow appendix for discussion at Sept meeting.</p>

<p>4d</p>	<p>Abrasive Blasting Removal Systems Appendix</p> <p>SL gave a short presentation of intelligence gathered to date as a result of recent concerns raised across industry regarding use of needle scalers to remove asbestos residues. SL stated the current HSE position: <i>Needle scalers should not be used to remove residues which can otherwise be removed manually using a hand scraper and wetting/shadow vac e.g. ‘asbestos snots’. Even if the wall is painted any raised areas (indicative of a snot) can be identified and removed using a hand scraper/wetting/shadow vac.</i></p> <p>In light of this, the TWG agreed that it would include needle scalers in the revised appendix.</p> <p>Action: SL to incorporate needle scalers as part of revision of abrasive blasting removal systems appendix</p> <p>Action (on-going) TWG members to find out what methods were being used (including ice blasting) with a view to getting industry informed guidance on preferred applications e.g., removal of sprayed residues from metal vs pitted concrete, removal from calcified pipework.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>The Appendix status table was updated (see page 3).</p>
<p>5 5.1</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Concerns were raised from some LARCs that there was a delay in issuing documentation to them (including the DCU CfR) when the analyst was appointed by the Client. SL stated that both the Analyst Guide and L143 ACOP and Guidance clearly stated that this must be passed to the LARC.</p> <p>Action: SL to check if LAB30 requires any QA checks prior to issuing clearance certificates etc. which could justify a delay.</p> <p>End of Meeting: SL acknowledged that due to prioritising the issuing of 2 appendices we had run out of time to cover the AOB items raised concerning packaging and transport of asbestos containing soils and also waste transfer through bag locks and that these would be put at the top of the agenda for the next meeting.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting 7th Sept 2022 via MS Teams</p>

Appendix Guidance Documents Status Update (July 2022)

Appendix Title	Lead Author	Proposed Completion Date	Current Status	Addition AN resource required on T&F basis?
NPU Connection & Disconnection	SS	July 22	Amends to photos etc to be completed by end of June 22 for final approval by TWG	
Decontamination Services (Gas and Electrical Safety in DCUs	GW	July 22	<p>June 21 - To be sent to HSE Specialists for final review.</p> <p>Aug 21 - HSE AU to have a final review before publication.</p> <p>Oct 21 – May 22 – review complete, final amends to be made.</p> <p>Appendix Finalised by TWG for issue with July 22 meeting minutes</p>	
Abrasive Blasting Removal Systems – <i>revision only</i>	SL	Sept 22	<p>Amends discussed at Oct 21 meeting, SL to check how different the version is and consider if justification for re-issue.</p> <p>March 22 - Members to provide details of current use of abrasive blasting including intel on dry ice systems.</p> <p>July 22 – Needle scalers to be included in the revision – intel being gathered.</p>	
Calculating NPU airflow – <i>revision only</i>	SL	Sept 22	July 22 - Revision to include additional guidance for LARCs on selection and use of an anemometer.	
Visual Inspection and Handover of enclosure for 4SC	Rob Southall	Sept 22	July 22 - Scope and content agreed by TWG to also include handover form and systematic procedure for undertaking visual inspection including equipment needed, what to look for etc. and aligning with equivalent guidance for analysts.	
Independence of Analysts	SL	Sept 22	Drafting to start in August 22 – scope to include issues of DCU certs not being issued to LARCs if they are not appointed by them and also Personal Monitoring on behalf of LARC	
Use of Glovebags	GW	Nov 22	Scope and content to be agreed by TWG in Sept 22	

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Skip Design for Asbestos Waste	GW	Nov 22	Initial draft and scope agreed in April 21 and circulated to TWG for initial comment Oct 21 – Put on hold to allow work on other appendices to be completed.	
Selection and Use of Encapsulants	SW	Nov 22	Scope and content to be agreed by TWG in Sept 22	
Equipment to measure differential pressure	SL	Nov 22	Intelligence being gathered from LARCs who use this equipment.	
Personal Sampling, Exposure and Health Records	GW	Nov 22	Working draft discussed in April 21 Oct 21 - Revised draft to be completed and circulated for comment initially by SL and DW (AU) March 22 – SL/GW second review and draft complete	

SUMMARY ACTION TABLE Meeting #34 (May 2022)

ITEM	ACTION	UPDATE (12/07/22)
2	SL to send finalised minutes of Mar 22 meeting to AsbNet members via AsbNet Secretariat.	Complete
4a	Decontamination Unit Services (Gas and Electrical Safety) Appendix GW to make changes as agreed and circulate to TWG members who were requested to provide final feedback by 27 th May.	Complete
5.1	New Appendix Guidance for LARCs on thorough visual inspection of the work area in preparation for '4SC handover' . SL to add this to 'Appendix table' and agree who will lead on this at next meeting.	Complete
5.2	SL to add new Appendix Guidance for LARCs surrounding the 'independence' of 4SC analysts to 'Appendix table' .	Complete
5.3	TWG members to review CAR SOIL guidance specifically pages 91-94 https://www.claire.co.uk/projects-and-initiatives/asbestos-in-soil and feedback at next meeting with regards to suitability for LARCs or whether something else was needed?	For discussion at July meeting
5.4	Checking NPU Flow rate on Site Appendix 2019 SL to look into this in terms of the publication of the Appendices in addition to the technical aspects and provide an update at the next meeting. SL to send TWG members a version of the ventilation guidance which she had drafted for HSE inspectors.	Update at July meeting Not complete
5.5	SL to add new Appendix Use of Glovebags to 'Appendix table' . GW to circulate initial draft to SW for review	Complete
5.7	SL to add new Appendix Selection and Use of Encapsulants to 'Appendix table' .	Complete

SUMMARY ACTION TABLE Meeting #35 (July 2022) – including on-going actions

ITEM	ACTION	STATUS as at 12/07/22
2	SL to send finalised minutes of May 22 meeting to AsbNet members via AsbNet Secretariat.	New action
4a	<p>Decontamination Unit Services (Gas and Electrical Safety) Appendix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SL to send finalised DCU services appendix to HSE Electrical Specialist for a final review. • (Post meeting action: Following a question raised by some DCU suppliers SL to check with HSE Gas Specialist the requirement for fire protection between the DCU casing and gas cylinder storage compartment. • On completion of these final checks and a final editorial review SL to send out the finalised Appendix to TWG members for dissemination via their organisation websites. • SL to send to the AsbNet Secretariat for dissemination to AsbNet members. 	New actions
4b	<p>NPU Connection & Disconnection Appendix</p> <p>SS to send finalised NPU Remote Connection Appendix to SL for final editorial review.</p>	New action
4c	SL to revise NPU measurement of airflow appendix for discussion at Sept meeting	New action
4d	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SL to incorporate needle scalers as part of revision of abrasive blasting removal systems appendix • TWG members to find out what methods were being used (including ice blasting) with a view to getting industry informed guidance on preferred applications e.g., removal of sprayed residues from metal vs pitted concrete, removal from calcified pipework. 	New action On-going
4e	<p>Equipment to measure differential pressure Appendix</p> <p>TWG members to provide intelligence on the use of differential pressure monitors for measuring negative pressure in enclosures.</p>	On-going
5.1	SL to check if LAB30 requires any QA checks prior to issuing clearance certificate following reports from some LARCs of a delay.	New action
5.2	<p>TWG members to review CAR SOIL guidance specifically pages 91-94 https://www.claire.co.uk/projects-and-initiatives/asbestos-in-soil and feedback at Sept meeting with regards to suitability for LARCs or whether something else was needed?</p>	Agenda item for Sept 22
5.3	SL to check if LAB30 requires any QA checks prior to issuing clearance certificate etc. following reports from some LARCs of significant delays.	Complete
5.4	TWG members to gain data from LARCS to verify whether the 20 acph is being achieved and if this ensures negative pressure, particularly as there is a range of soffit designs and this could be used to provide further clarification for any future guidance on this.	On-going
5.5	SL to set up inaugural meeting with other AsbNet working group Chairs.	On hold