

<b>Asbestos Network Technical Working Group (ANTWG)</b>	
<b>Minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> Jun 2024 via MS Teams</b>	
<p><b>Present:</b>                      Sam Lord (SL) (HSE/Chair/Minutes), Steve Watkins (SW) (Independent Industry Rep and ACAD), Steve Sadley (SS) (ARCA), Colette Willoughby (CW) (NORAC), Graham Warren (GW) (ASESA), Martin Saunders (MS) (HSE Science Division), Heather Campbell (HC) (HSE Specialist Division), Wayne Williams (WW) (IATP), Nick Garland (NG) (FAAM Committee/Assure 360), Jonathan Grant (JG) (BOHS-FAAM), Terry Slater (TS) ACAD.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Gareth Jones (GJ) (UKATA)</p> <p><b>Note:</b> 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.</p>	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies:</b>                      SL welcomed all attendees to the meeting including Nick Garland. Terry Slater was welcomed as representing ACAD for the first time and who will share the role with Tony Dillon.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of ANTWG meeting (No.42) and acceptance:</b>                      The minutes from April 2024 (No. 42) meeting were finalised and accepted.  <b>Action:</b> Minutes to be sent to AsbNet members via AsbNet Secretariat. (SL)</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Matters/actions arising from Meeting No.42 April 2023</b></p> <p><b>Gel Fibre Suppression Wrap and Cut</b> – NG updated the TWG on the recent trial which revealed consistent fibre levels and provided further insight regarding use of the technique.</p> <p><b>Scott Pro-Flow Mask (now 3M powered air turbo PF-602E-ASB)</b> – issue with P3 filter cartridges coming loose during use. SL had asked the HSE RPE team and they had not heard of this issue. TWG members further reported some difficulty getting information from 3M and that there have been reports from ACAD and ARCA members of this issue, suggesting not an isolated incident.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> SL to ask RPE lead to contact 3M with the TWG’s concerns.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Appendices</b></p>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b>Asbestos Skips, Van Waste Compartments, Waste Storage and Movement on Site</b>                      The latest draft was reviewed, additional content that addressed the practical need for waste to be occasionally stored overnight in vans was discussed.</p>

	<p>SL re-iterated that it was not the intention of the guidance to ‘ban’ the use of rear end loaders (REL) but to highlight potential users of concerns about the design being suitable for asbestos waste. The intention of the guidance is to allow LARCs to create a checklist and policy of how to deal with skip suitability and cleaning of unsuitable skips.</p> <p>SL acknowledged that Asbestos Essentials EM9 contains a photo of a REL and that she would be advising that this be replaced with an alternative image of a skip at next review.</p> <p>A discussion was held around the requirement for a secondary door in vans where waste bags are not placed in a separate compartment or wheelie bin. This was to prevent bags nearest the doors from falling out on opening of the rear or side van doors. The TWG agreed that mesh netting was not a preferred option as easily damaged, lost and potentially not used. Similarly a raised ‘toe board’ may hamper loading and unloading of waste bags and could result in damage. Agreed to advise the fitting of a secondary door.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> SL to update draft Appendix with agreed amendments, send to SS for editorial review and then send final version out to TWG with the intention of completion at August meeting.</p>
<p><b>4.2</b></p>	<p><b>Handover of Enclosures to Analysts for 4SC (Site Supervisor Visual Inspection and Handover Form)</b></p> <p>The latest draft was reviewed, and discussed.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> SL to update draft Appendix with agreed amendments, send to SS for editorial review and then send final version out to TWG with the intention of completion at August meeting.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p>The Appendix status table was updated (see end).</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p>
<p><b>6.1</b></p>	<p><b>HEPA Vacuums – clarification on appropriate wrapping or bagging (SL).</b> SL stated that she was of the opinion that wrapping a vacuum in cling film was not sufficient despite previous HSE advice that it could be used if the vacuum was too large to fit in a heavy duty polythene bag. This was because having spoken to the equipment maintenance industry they reported that large vacuums weighing greater than 25kg are not used for licensed work. Some TWG members voiced concerns around the large vacuums and why these can’t be wrapped like they do larger ACMs / items?</p> <p><b>Action:</b> SL requested that TWG members ask their members what size H-Vacs were used.</p>
<p><b>6.2</b></p>	<p><b>Leak testing outside a live enclosure where the NPU exhausts internally – SS</b> indicated that leak testing was not being undertaken in all cases when it should be - to discuss at next meeting.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> August 2024 via MS Teams</p>

## Appendix Guidance Documents Status Update (June 2024)

Appendix Title	Lead Author	Proposed Completion Date	Current Status	Addition AN resource required on T&F basis?
<b>Visual Inspection and Handover of enclosure for 4SC</b>	Rob Southall (ATAC) and Nick Garland (Assure 360)	Aug 24	June 24 - Final Draft stage	Nick Garland and Rob Southall
<b>Skip Design for Asbestos Waste</b>	GW	Aug 24	June 24 - Final Draft stage	No
<b>Licensed removal with no enclosure</b>	SS	Dec 24	Feb 23- SL to confirm the position set out by HSE Inspector has not changed and that written advice from an HSE inspector to be used as the basis of a draft Appendix. Glovebag use to be incorporated into this Appendix.	No
<b>NPU Connection &amp; Disconnection</b>	SS	ON HOLD	Sept 22 – HSE comments to be incorporated into Appendix for discussion at Nov meeting	
<b>Abrasive Blasting Removal Systems – <i>revision only</i></b>	SL	ON HOLD	March 22 - Members to provide details of current use of abrasive blasting including intel on dry ice systems. July 22 – Needle scalers to be included in the revision – intel being gathered.	
<b>Calculating NPU airflow – <i>revision only</i></b>	SL	ON HOLD	July 22 - Revision to include additional guidance for LARCs on selection and use of an anemometer.	
<b>Independence of Analysts</b>	SL	ON HOLD	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 the LARC	
<b>Selection and Use of Encapsulants</b>	SW	ON HOLD	Scope and content to be agreed by TWG in Sept 22 Initial draft discussed at Nov 22 meeting	
<b>Equipment to measure differential pressure</b>	SL	ON HOLD	Intelligence being gathered from LARCs who use this equipment by SS and SW.	