

BS8580 seminar feedback

The following is a summary of the points raised by the discussion groups

Appendices

- When should a RA be carried out in a new build scheme or building?
- List of annexes should be clearly state this is not exhaustive or add a further list of less risky systems
- Dental chairs annex?
- Outside features annex?
- Industrial water systems annex
- With new builds at what stage / stages is a risk assessment required
- Out of use buildings annex? Also issue of a building being taken out of service
- The issue of temporary water systems needs to be addressed. Many of these are considered to be of great risk
- Water fitting regulations and WRAS should be cited and judged against by RAs
- Water risk assessment is ongoing and never stops The context of the RA in routine management
- Emphasize list is not exclusive
- Temporary water systems
- WRAS and Water Fittings Regs
- Problematic premises
- Other risk systems

What is Missing?

- Issue of whether of Legionella analysis required. No general agreement
- Who is competent to audit a series of RAs? Should this be defined in the standard
- Cooling tower packs are not covered
- Contractual arrangement between all the parties
- How to stop the dust settling on the RA. How should it be followed up on a regular periodic basis and after things go wrong
- When does a RA end issue
- Where does the responsibility of a RA end? Should the RA ensure that the RA is followed up. RA or responsible person? BS8580 needs to consider this
- Should there be a formal follow up. What is the minimum for the Risk Assessor has shown due diligence
- The written scheme needs to be considered
- Testing for LP
- Demonstration of assessors competence
- Include reference to other documents eg Water (fittings) Regs
- Water risk assessment (Water Safety Plan)
- Timeframes in terms of reference section
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Standardised scoring system issue

- General consensus was against this. All RAs are site specific.
- However there was not general agreement on this issue
- Mechanism used less important than final outcome; categorisation and prioritisation
- Too complex to develop
- Need to be simple – low medium high
- Benefit – enable trend analysis over time

Are the three existing diagrams OK?

- No legends
- Standardised colour requested for all diagrams. This is considered very important
- Concern that a simple monocolour hand drawn schematic is fit for purpose was of concern Colour coding should be encouraged
- Simple as possible representing the complexity of the property
- Key points identified
- Include tmvs
- Include a more complex schematic

Other comments

- Definitions of practicability etc are given in HSG 65
- Conflict of interest issue RAs and supply of treatment chemicals etc. Further clarification was requested
- The RA can be an employee of the duty holder. Is this OK?
- Current service provider may be very experienced *versus* new pair of eyes may identify issues missed through familiarity
- Indication of competencies needed for risk assessors for different types of system
- Emphasize ALARP

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- Independence paragraph