



# **The view of the Water Management Society**

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## **WMSoc Background**

- **Founded in 1976 as the Cooling Water Association**
- **In 1998 changed to Water Management Society**
- **Professional body dedicated to furthering knowledge in all aspects of water usage**
- **Why was there a need for the WMSoc?**

## **WMSoc Background**

- **In 1970s water paid for by the accounts department – we had a drought 1976**
- **Then it became expensive – often given to the engineering department**
- **Water taken in, used and discharged – what's the problem?**
- **WMSoc encouraged use, re-use, discharge props, minimise costs – “very green”**

## **WMSoc Background**

- **Then L. Disease identified together with its problems of control in all water systems**
- **Briefing committee of L8, eventual publication**
- **The WMSoc members needed advice, technical information on water use and public health matters**
- **Publications on tower safety, WT CoP, site log books, knowing control responsibilities**

## **Water Management Society – now!**

- **Almost 800 individual members**
- **Many disciplines including eqpt manufacturers, R&D, lab service suppliers, Consultants, facilities management – even WT personnel.**
- **At the forefront of providing information on the control of LD, especially Risk Assessment in 2002, in August 2009 and BS 8580**

## **WMSoc Risk Assessment**

- **In order for a Legionella Risk Assessment to be deemed suitable and sufficient it must meet the requirements described in the L8 ACOP**
  - 5 paragraphs**
  - 4 paragraphs in Guidance**
- **Most importantly, it must be carried out by a competent person**
- **Members asked for help – but how?**

## **WMSoc Risk Assessment**

- **We produced a booklet that allowed a listing of site information, all record keeping detail and what to do when conditions are not under control – in 1992**
- **It was titled “a site log book” it made a start for those companies looking at a blank sheet of paper when developing a Risk Assessment**
- **Used as a basis for RA by many building owners/managers**

## **WMSoc Risk Assessment**

- **“excellent, but not sufficient” as a Risk Assess**
- **In 2001 the WMSoc Tech Committee initiated the production of a Guide to Risk Assessment**
- **And in 2002, a Guide was published and available to all!**
- **Full day basic Legionella Risk Assessment training courses initiated**



## **WMSoc Risk Assessment**

- **Then a 2 day advanced course introduced which included practical exercises  
– but still does not make assessor competent!**
- **The LCA joined in with the examination of RA Reports over 2 years**
- **It was not a disaster area!**
- **Summary – “satisfactory but could do better”**

## **WMSoc Risk Assessment**

- **Decided on a new version with far more detail, more helpful to the user - was published in August 2009**
- **Yet another WMSoc example of improving the quality of Risk Assessments -**
- **The publication of Guidance documents for some of those “other systems” referred to in L8!**

## WMSoc Risk Assessment

- **The WMSoc has always supported the principle of a National standard for Risk Assessments for Legionella Control**
- **Now we have it – BS 8580.**
  - **I would commend it to the house!**



# **BS 8580:2010 Code of Conduct**

