Participate in providing samples for analysis in downstream operations



Overview

This unit is about your contribution to taking samples for analysis.

This unit deals with the following:

- 1 Prepare to take samples
- 2 Take samples

During this work you must take account of the relevant operational requirements and safe working practices AS THEY APPLY TO YOU.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:	P1	inform appropriate people that samples are being taken
	P2	properly obtain containers appropriate for the sample material
	P3	ensure that containers obtained are fit for purpose before use
	P4	properly obtain appropriate clothing and equipment
	P5	identify the location of the nearest safety equipment
	P6	comply with the requirements stated in the appropriate documentation
	P7	correctly use the protective clothing and equipment
	P8	take samples using the appropriate specified method
	P9	minimise the potential hazards according to the nature of the sample
	P10	take samples which match the schedule instructions
	P11	ensure that samples taken are representative
	P12	ensure that the integrity of the sample is maintained
	P13	complete all relevant documentation
	P14	ensure that the sample is fully identified by recording and labelling and
		promptly taken to the designated point
	P15	leave sample points in a clean and safe condition ready for re-use

P16 work safely in accordance with operational requirements

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the need for appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- K2 the importance of well maintained equipment
- K3 the importance of informing the appropriate people
- K4 the different types of container used and their specific uses
- K5 how to access and interpret the appropriate documentation (to include sample schedule, labels)
- K6 the potential incidents which might occur while taking samples and the actions required
- K7 the importance of matching schedule and instructions when sampling and analysing
- K8 how to take samples in the most time-economical manner
- K9 how to maintain sample integrity (to include flushing through, draining down, venting off)
- K10 the consequences of not following the sampling procedure
- K11 the reasons for not taking samples according to schedule

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Additional Information

Scope/range

Sample types within your work area e.g.:

- 1 Solids
- 2 Liquids
- 3 Hot
- 4 Cold
- 5 Gases toxic
- 6 Gases non-toxic
- 7 Pressurised
- 8 Flammable
- 9 Non-pressurised
- 10 Non-flammable

Sample container types within your work area e.g.:

- 11 Bottles
- 12 Cans
- 13 Bladders
- 14 Drums
- 15 Flasks
- 16 Chemical detector tubes
- 17 Bombs

This unit deals with the following:

- 1 how to select, use and care for personal protective equipment (e.g. sight/hearing protection, gloves, footwear, hard hats, respirators)
- 2 the implications of statutory and organisational requirements
- 3 how to interpret operational requirements (e.g. policies, procedures, instructions, codes of practice, standards, schedules)
- 4 how to work with and within your permit to work system

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