
Overview

This standard covers the competence required for the preparation and decontamination, to the required levels, of items and areas which include: components for re-use, equipment, building floor, wall areas and decommissioned items en route for disposal, etc.

This standard deals with the following:

1. Undertake decontamination operations

Note: This unit does not relate to the preparation of purpose built decontamination facilities such as process plant.

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

The activity is likely to be undertaken by someone working in a Nuclear Decommissioning environment.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

P1 work safely at all times, complying with health and safety and other relevant regulations and guidelines

P2 obtain clear and complete instructions on the decontamination methods and levels to be achieved before work begins

P3 obtain the necessary materials, equipment, tools and personal protective equipment and make them ready for use

P4 clearly identify the handling and treatment requirements of secondary waste generated by the decontamination method

P5 correctly apply the specified decontamination method to achieve required results and minimise spread of contamination

P6 record correct measurements of radioactivity at appropriate intervals to check progress towards and achievement of required radioactivity levels

P7 promptly report and resolve difficulties with the specified work method and levels of secondary waste to and with the relevant people

P8 maintain containment in good condition throughout

P9 monitor the operation of support systems continuously and respond to any alarms safely and in line with specified procedures

P10 segregate and deal with secondary waste according to specified instructions and ensure that the decontamination area is cleared up to the required standard after use

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the internal documentation and control systems
- K2 how to access and use material, tools and equipment
- K3 the use of personal protective equipment for different types of activity and the fitness for purpose checks which are necessary
- K4 the key points to consider when determining the handling and treatment requirements of secondary waste generated by different decontamination methods
- K5 typical deficiencies in the information, equipment and tools obtained, and who should be involved in discussions to resolve them
- K6 the principles of waste generation and avoidance
- K7 radioactive waste types and their segregation
- K8 the principles of radiation and contamination
- K9 the principles of working area demarcation and control
- K10 the principles of risk minimisation
- K11 decontamination methods and techniques
- K12 how to measure radioactivity and identify required radioactivity levels
- K13 typical difficulties which may be encountered and who should resolve them
- K14 how to maintain containment in good condition
- K15 the aspects of personal and environmental support systems which are monitored
- K16 the main points to consider when segregating secondary waste and clearing up decontamination sites

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Decontaminate plant, structures and equipment for nuclear decommissioning



Scope/range