

Tankered Waste Department Health and Safety - Information and Requirements

THESE REQUIREMENTS MUST BE ISSUED TO ANY PERSON ATTENDING A SEVERN TRENT WATER SITE

Important - Anyone working on Severn Trent Sites must be Site Safety Inducted prior to commencement of work. If you have not been inducted please contact your Severn Trent representative to make arrangements.

General Site Hazards

- Sites are operational sewage works and as such personal hygiene requires extra care.
 Contractors must ensure their employees are aware of all the hazards present on the site.
 Hazards to be aware of include leptospirosis, hepatitis and any other sewage borne diseases. Other specific site hazards which may affect the Tankered Waste operation will be identified by the site managers.
- 2. Many items of plant start automatically and without warning.
- 3. There may be large volumes of vehicular and pedestrian traffic on site. Vehicles should not be parked in such a way as to obstruct traffic.
- 4. There are deep tanks on site, empty and full.
- 5. Confined spaces. Access is not permitted into any area, which is designated and signed as a confined space.
- 6. There may be interaction with Severn Trent employees or other contractors on site.
- 7. Pedestrian visitors, including children may be on site.
- 8. The presence of toxic/flammable/explosive liquids or gases on site is a possibility.

Site Requirements

- 1. Minimum standards of personal protective clothing are required for entry to our works and must be used at all times
 - Safety footwear Suitable for the purpose
 - Rubber gloves/gauntlets suitable for the purpose
 - High visibility clothing Minimum High Visibility vest
 - Head protection Hard hat or bump cap
 - Eye Protection (Safety)
 - Ear protection is also required and must be used when applicable to the task or as requested by STW site management.

This is our minimum requirement and your employer may require you to wear additional protection. All Personal protective equipment must be provided by your employer, and used by you, relevant to the risks identified by your own companies risk assessments.

- 2. Specific site speed limits must be adhered to. In the absence of other information the site speed limit should be assumed to be 10 mph.
- 3. In the event of an accident, it must be reported to on site personnel immediately.
- 4. Smoking is restricted to designated outside areas.

- 5. Personal access is only permitted in the immediate area of each logger or digester discharge point. Access to all other areas is not authorised.
- 6. Mobile phones are not to be used in traveling vehicles.
- 7. Drivers/operatives are strictly forbidden to work at height whilst on STW sites, unless prior approval has been given.

Access Procedures

- 1. All vehicles must enter and exit sites via designated gates. Electric gates can be operated using the issued gate fobs. If no gate fob has been issued then access can be gained using the intercom systems provided. **TAILGATING IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN**
- 2. On a site without electric gates, a closed gate policy is enforced, whereby gates must be closed after passing through them.
- 3. Access to discharge waste is only permitted during authorised site opening times.
- 4. When on site only prescribed routes must be used.

Hazards Relating to the Discharge Operation

- 1. Biohazards relating to the material being discharged. Biohazard relating to Sewage and associated Sludge.
- 2. Ground surfaces may be wet and slippery and trip hazards may be present.
- 3. Manual handling issues relating to the discharge hose.
- 4. Dropping of hose.
- 5. Trapping of hands in hose clamp arrangement.
- 6. Noise levels may be in excess of 85 dB.
- 7. Vehicle movements on site.
- 8. Drivers will often be working unsupervised. It is recommended that all contractors operate a lone worker procedure.

All Customers using Severn Trent sites must have seen and considered the Risk Assessment for the delivery of Tankered Waste into Severn Trent Sites.

This document is available on the Severn Trent Website and at all receiving sites.

Contravention of any of the above, or any act of unsafe behavior will result in you being removed from site, and may result in you being denied access to discharge at any of our sewage works. Work is only permitted in the area specified; access to all other areas is not authorised.

Any unsafe act or near miss must be reported to the site management and/or reported on 0116 2670107

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