

Connections

Welcome to Connections, our quarterly e-newsletter designed to keep our contractors and partners up-to-date on Water Corporation projects and initiatives.

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PPE Requirements for Electrical Workers

The Water Corporation standard **S022 Personal Protective Equipment and Clothing** has been revised to include minimum PPE requirements for electrical workers who work on Water Corporation sites where electrical hazards exist (see S022 Appendix E). The revised standard is available on the Water Corporation HSE webpage.

PPE used by contractors and subcontractors who work in the vicinity of live electrical equipment are required to have flame retardant properties equal to or higher than the cal/cm² ratings listed in section E8, Preselected Electrical PPE. Contractors should purchase this PPE through their preferred PPE supplier.

Note that Appendix E will remain marked 'draft' until the 31 December 2012, to enable staff and contractors time to transition over to the new PPE requirements for electrical workers.

Please ensure that your electrical staff and subcontractors working in the vicinity of live electrical equipment are aware of the requirements of Appendix E and that suitable PPE is purchased and adopted as soon as practicable.

If you have any queries regarding the revised standard, please contact your Water Corporation representative or **Jon Offszanka**, Principal Engineer Electrical, Mechanical and Electrical Services Branch, on 9420 2577.

Supporting a booming North West



There are a number of infrastructure projects in the North West which will be available for tender in the next year.

Western Australia's North West is booming, and as a result the Water Corporation is working closely with all levels of Government and private industry to understand future water needs. Together we will build infrastructure to support this growth through the provision of water and wastewater services.

There will be ongoing significant investment throughout the next four years in water and wastewater infrastructure across the North West which will provide many opportunities for the private sector to work with the Water Corporation.

Although some works are yet to be defined due to the changing nature of the North West, we remain committed to keeping you informed of tender opportunities as they arise.

[View upcoming works for tender across the North West](#)

Water Corporation award winning projects

The Water Corporation has been leading the way in projects this year, taking home a number of awards. These demonstrate how Water Corporation employees, Alliances partners and contractors have helped us to lead the field in projects across the State.

2011 Work Safety Awards

The Wellington Dam Remedial Works project won the 2011 Work Safety Awards in the category 'best solution to an identified workplace safety and health issue'.

The Award was shared by the Wellington Dam Alliance and was granted for a 'post-tensioning strand cutting module' which was one of many innovative safety initiatives on this high risk project.

2011 WA Engineering Excellence Awards

The Southern Seawater Desalination Integration Project was the overall winner, as well as in the categories of Infrastructure and Building, and Management of Engineering.

The Wellington Dam Remedial Works Project won in the Innovation and Development category.

Australian Institute of Project Management Achievement Awards

Our Southern Seawater Desalination Integration Project was the overall winner, as well as in the Construction/Engineering category.

In the individual award categories, Nick Churchill, Delivery Manager Major Projects won the Program/Project Director category and Suzanne Brown, Manager Environment Branch won the Project Team Member category.

Civil Contractors Federation WA Earth Awards

The Alkimos Wastewater Scheme has won the '\$75 million and over' category in the Civil Contractors Federation WA Earth Awards.

The Earth Awards have the specific aim of recognising outstanding work in construction and environmental excellence which reflects development and use of the best technologies and practices by Australian civil contractors.

GITA Excellence Award

Water Corporation's Cadastral Realignment Project won the 2011 Geospatial Information and Technology Association (GITA) Excellence Award.

GITA annually bestows the Excellence Award on organisations who transform ideas into a working reality, share their experience, actively mentor, use technology well and increase business and community benefits.



The Southern Seawater Desalination Plant has won a number of awards this year, including the overall WA Engineering Excellence Award.

Contractors logging on – New Health, Safety and Environment Contractor Induction



Craig McRobert, Director of McRobert Contracting Services, with his contractor card.

Following the successful pilot of the Water Corporation's new Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Contractor Induction in the North West Region, the implementation has continued across the state and is now being used by contractors in the South West, Mid-West and Perth Regions.

The new HSE Contractor Induction replaced existing regional inductions; however site specific inductions are still required in most areas. Each site has different hazards and risks so site specific inductions for each employee and contractor must be completed.

Once a contractor completes the HSE Contractor Induction they will receive a certificate. The certificate is valid for two years for office based work and 14 days for field based work. A HSE Contractor Induction card will be sent out within 14 days to contractors who completed the field based induction. All contractors need to be able to show their certificate or card when working on a Water Corporation site.

Over 690 contractors have now completed the training and although most contractors have experienced no issues, there are still some concerns that are being addressed with the online training materials. Training video loading time, pop-up blockers and log in details for the system are just some of the issues that have been identified.

"We have registered all issues identified by contractors and we will be addressing them as quickly as we can. Work is under way to remove the start-up screens that are not needed, which will hopefully reduce the start-up time", said Alyssa Maclou, Contractor Induction Administrator.

Over the next few months the new induction will be implemented into the remaining regions. Contractors in the Great Southern Region will receive information about the new induction process at the end of October 2011 and contractors in the Goldfields and Agricultural Region will receive information at the end of November 2011.

For more information on the online HSE Contractor Induction system, please look at the OSH section on the Water Corporation website, or contact **Alyssa Maclou**, Contractor Induction Administrator on 9420 2861.