

URD Contractor Newsletter

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Introduction

Hi all.

Welcome to this quarter's edition of the URD newsletter.

I must say I am very impressed by what I am seeing on most audits. The majority of sites are safe and compliant which makes me very happy.

It is, however, very disappointing to see the 2 High Risk Non-Conformances this quarter.

At the end of the day we all deserve to go home to our families in the same condition as we started our day.



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What's Working Well

- On most sites, construction site set up is compliant. This has been a big adjustment for a lot of you. You should be proud of how you've managed this change.
- Your sub-contractors are also doing well with regard to complying with requirements related to hard hats, brims, safety eyewear and jewellery.



Audit Findings

HIGH RISK NON CONFORMANCE

2 High Risk Non-Conformances this Quarter

- 1 A number of safety elements were identified where workers failed to comply with the contractor's Safe System of Work(SSW).
 - 1(a) Workers failed to complete a Risk Assessment before starting work
 - 1(b) Workers failed to secure live pillars from public while testing

- 2 Failure to place working earths at multiple work locations (in multiple directions).

No visible operator earths in sight.



Audit Findings

OBSERVATION

A couple of observations found.

1(a) First aid kit not adequate for the task at hand. Please consider the potential risks on site(stings, bites, burns etc).

1(b) T/C without safety eyewear that conforms to AS1337



Audit Findings

POSITIVE SAFETY BEHAVIOUR

2 Positive Safety Behaviors this Quarter

1 At the start of the job the whole work crew got together to fill out the Risk Assessment and identify any risks.

The crew then pulled out paper copies of all relevant SWMS (chain saw, fire ants, H/V switching, earth rod installation, EWP, working on roads, conductor removal/ installation/ re-tensioning, site establishment, pole installation, working on portable ladders, working from heights, L/V testing and connections, L/V switching, working near live apparatus, high risk crane and vehicle loading crane).

The work crew then proceeded reviewing all SWMS and signed on to each one.



Audit Findings

POSITIVE SAFETY BEHAVIOUR

1 A number of safety elements identified where workers excelled in safety.

1(a) A red stamp placed on the first page of the L/V switching sheet that says –

“Attention LVSO. Before carrying out any LV switching, a check of the switching logic MUST be completed against the supplied schematic

Switching logic check completed YES NO

Signed

Report any abnormalities to your Supervisor/Manager immediately”.

1(b) Great explanation of DP open points and nearby live mains. All contractors had a hard copy of a colour coded schematic as the DP was explained.



Future Focus

- Vehicle check sheets and test dates
- Jewelry. As the principal contractor it is your legal responsibility to ensure that all contractors including T/C under your control are compliant.
- Never leave exposed live parts accessible to the public



A Word From Andrew Craig

Contracts Quality & Compliance Manager

- It was great to see positive behaviours being recognised and reinforces that auditing is not all about swinging the big stick.
- I do have concern that head contractors fail to understand their obligations to it's subcontractors safety. If one of those get hurt it could be you standing in the dock for failing to carry out your duties as a PCBU. Don't take the risk. Ensure they are inducted , get involved in your toolbox meeting and comply with all site safety requirements. This includes traffic control, vac truck drivers and any other subbies that work under your control.
- Otherwise continue to stay safe.



A word from Jason Farrell

Contestable Works Manager

- Effective 8 October 2019, Robbie Palombo will be managing Ergon Contestable Works only.
- Martin Pickering will be responsible for the Energex Contestable Works until 31 December 2019 - (07) 3664 2343
- Alex Rankine - Contestable Works Development Manager is the point of contact for Contestable Works non-conformance discussions for Ergon and Energex – (07) 4080 4823.



A Word From Pat McAuliffe

Manager Operational Contracts

- Operational Contracts have invested significant resource and commitment into enhancing and aligning audit activity across suppliers with a key focus on continuous improvement to keep ourselves and the community safe
- EQL have been active with learning groups to focus on areas of opportunity as a result of incident activity and a range of work practices (working live) and competencies (EQL Connections Process – Polarity) have been updated. These extend to contractors and it is important to adopt them to harness the benefits
- Please take care whilst working on and around the network and if you observe any at risk activities don't hesitate to call the behaviour





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