

URD Contractor Newsletter

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Introduction

Hi all.

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

I Hope you all had a merry Christmas and a great New Years. Well now its back to work. After this time off it is very important to concentrate on safety. This is a very dangerous time of the year, so please take the time to have a good look around your worksite. Double check your work mates and your site for any dangers or safety concerns. This also includes any sub contractors. This is not one persons responsibility, its everyone's responsibility. Please put safety first.



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What's Working Well

- Construction Site Setup is going well on most sites. Please ensure you take this into account when setting up site to keep the public and other workers on site safe.
- Safety in general. The last three years have been a huge learning curve and most of you are doing really well. I am proud of the changes you have all made, keep up the good work. Just remember safety is not there to keep your bosses and myself happy. Safety is to keep you alive and healthy, your family are the ones that will suffer if you miss a hazard or take short cuts. Safety is about you and your family.



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) Multiple pillars left unsecured for Testing/Switching after circuit had been energised.

2- A number of safety elements identified including:

Inadequate Security around Joint hole and live assets

2(a) Insufficient 1.8 m barriers as per WHS regulations

2(b) Live parts exposed

2(c) No construction sign in place

2(d) Insufficient coverings in place



Audit Findings

LOW RISK NON CONFORMANCE

1 Low Risk Non Conformance found.

- 1(a) **Class 00 gloves out of date, not in use.**



Audit Findings

OBSERVATION

Three observations found.

- 1 A number of safety elements identified including:
- **1(a) Sub contractors (T/C) wearing Jewellery (watch, ear rings and a necklace)**
- **1(b) Sub contractors (T/C) wearing eye wear that does not conform to AS1337**
- **2(a) Multiple items in the First Aid kit out of date and does not meet the companies SSW requirements**
- **3(a) Multiple Traffic controllers not wearing safety eyewear that conforms to AS1337**



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 is great to see so many positive observations especially around adherence to PPE and jewellery requirements, good risk assessments and job briefings, equipment and first aid kits in test and up to date. Whilst this may not seem important or high risk, this tells me if you can get the small things right, there is a high chance you are managing the significant risks too. As we enter a new year take the time to stop and reflect on what you will do to keep yourself and your workers, including subbies safe. Please maintain focus on security of LV pillars and other electrical assets as it is vitally important that we also protect the public from electrical risk.
- A very recent audit highlighted the necessity to ensure OO gloves are worn when working in pillars even if they are proved dead and the fuses pulled at the isolation point. There is always some residual risk that someone could inadvertently replace the fuses.



A Word from Alex Rankine

Contestable Works Development Manager

While the past three months have been challenging for all, going forward in the new year there will be a focus on the following:

- Energex is in the process of developing a new Contestable Work webpage to make it easier to find documentation.
- Consistency in managing the final compliance product audits and non-conformance outcomes. This is not an easy thing to achieve but any improvement will be a step forward.

I'm looking forward to working with you all in 2020 and making appropriate improvements to the Contestable Works process for the benefit on all users.



A Word From Pat McAuliffe

Manager Operational Contracts

- I'm looking forward to another productive year and EQL will continue with a range of alignment initiatives, specifically around work practices, competencies and training. I encourage you all to read and reflect on the monthly team brief packs to stay in tune with what's happening and take opportunity of any shared learnings.
- In addition to the items already outlined, please take care and think things through when planning and executing work to ensure the desired outcomes are achieved and switch on even more when doing critical tasks – for example low voltage switching on the network or polarity – this is known as 'goal line defence' in the EQL Safety is Defence program.
- Take care and look after yourselves and your workmates and have a great start to the new year.





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