

## SUMMER 2014

### Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the Summer 2014 issue of the RRC Newsletter - Health and Safety Business.

Here you'll find an overview of the most exciting and important developments at RRC and events we're involved in. As always, you can find more information on our website at [www.rrc.co.uk](http://www.rrc.co.uk)

### RRC International - New Office



RRC International's Head Office in London has recently relocated to a new, state-of-the-art office - complete with two training rooms.

We're still in Tuition House, Wimbledon, so the move itself wasn't very dramatic - and, more importantly, our contact details haven't changed. However, it's a real improvement in terms of our working environment. If you visited our old office, you probably recall that it was in the basement, so having lots of windows is a pleasant change!

### Murray and Wade Training Rooms

We now have two brand new training rooms adjoining our office. Our Wimbledon location inspired the names of the new training rooms - Murray and Wade (they're named after British tennis players, for those who didn't make the connection!)

Our recent GC2 students certainly seemed pleased with the new facilities (and I'm sure the box of chocolates they shared had nothing to do with it!).



### Safety and Health Expo 2014

RRC will be exhibiting at the Safety & Health Expo at ExCel in London from 17 to 19 June. Come and visit us on Stand Q2400!



I'll be in attendance throughout the three days, along with Managing Director, Gary Fallaize, and Head of Corporate Client Relations, Gareth Lewis. We'll also be joined each day by a band of merry volunteers from RRC International's Head Office in Wimbledon. So, whether you'd just like to say hello, or you have some questions about RRC's ever-expanding range of NEBOSH, IOSH, IEMA, CQI and CITB courses, do pop along to see us.

As if meeting me wasn't incentive enough, there are lots of other good reasons to visit the stand:

- Super-cool, RRC-branded JSP Stealth 9000 safety glasses – FREE to the first 250 people who register their details on the stand each day of the show.



- A chance to enter a prize draw for a FREE NEBOSH Certificate e-learning course of the winner's choice – one available each day of the show. All prize-draw entrants will also have the opportunity to take part in a high-profile draw for a FREE NEBOSH Diploma e-learning course.
- Unlimited advice and guidance from RRC's talented and friendly staff.
- A chance to chat to us about the RRC Learning Centre - our new e-learning platform - which offers an improved, interactive learning experience.

It's a new venue for the show and RRC has lots to showcase and chat about, so make sure you visit the stand to avoid missing out.

I hope to see you there!

## NEBOSH Oil and Gas in Colombia

I'm delighted to announce that RRC has been working with its partner - Latin American Industrial Safety Training Organisation (LISTO) - to offer RRC's high-quality NEBOSH courses in South America.

We recently ran the first-ever NEBOSH International Technical Certificate in Oil and Gas Operational Safety (IOG) classroom course in Medellin, Colombia. It was a huge success, with delegates attending from Venezuela and Mexico, as well as Colombia.

This IOG course is one of many scheduled NEBOSH courses being run by RRC and LISTO over the next few months in the Latin American region including Mexico, Brazil, Colombia (Bogota), Bolivia and Peru.

[www.rrc.co.uk/international/colombia-medellin-listo.aspx](http://www.rrc.co.uk/international/colombia-medellin-listo.aspx)

## OSH Expo - South Africa

This week, I'm busy at the OSH Expo in South Africa. I'm on the RRC stand, and also presenting some workshops on 'Working at Height' (something the chaps below might like to attend!)



We're attending this Expo to support the rapidly expanding network of RRC International Centres including Ghana, Uganda, Sudan, Bahrain, Dubai and Istanbul, with several more opening in 2014.

You can find out more about RRC International's partners and centres on our website:

[www.rrc.co.uk/international.aspx](http://www.rrc.co.uk/international.aspx)

## RRC Tutor Blog

Don't forget, we have new blog entries every week from our favourite RRC tutors, so check our website regularly to stay up to date and be entertained!

My current favourite is all about fire safety, and it provides an interesting insight into how a really great trainer - like RRC's own Alan Springhall - can bring a subject to life by relating it to our own day-to-day experiences.

[www.rrc.co.uk/blogs](http://www.rrc.co.uk/blogs)

## Meet Us At...

As usual, RRC has lots of events and exhibitions lined up for this year, including the following:

- **OSH Expo**  
13-15 May | Johannesburg, South Africa
- **Safety & Health Expo**  
17-19 Jun | London, UK
- **SHE Show North West**  
23 Sep | Blackpool, UK
- **HS North**  
8-9 Oct | Bolton, UK
- **OSH Arabia**  
19-21 Oct | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- **CIPD Annual Conference**  
5-6 Nov | Manchester, UK
- **SHE Show North East**  
18 Nov | Newcastle, UK

As always, you can find all the relevant information about each event on our website:

[www.rrc.co.uk/news/events.aspx](http://www.rrc.co.uk/news/events.aspx)

I look forward to seeing you soon.

All the best,

David Towlson  
Director of Training and Quality





## Student Focus

This is the section of the newsletter where we focus on any important updates to your course. Please review the following carefully for anything that may impact your studies.

Don't worry - we'll make all the amendments noted here to your online resources, too.

## RRC Resources

### RRC Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide

We have carried out a substantial review of the content of the Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide. If you are studying a national (UK) course, please note the important changes outlined below.

#### Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013

This is a new entry in the Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide which you can access by following the link below. Note that Section 69 amends Section 47 of the Health and Safety at Work, etc. Act 1974 (civil liability). The effect of this change is to remove the option to bring a claim for breach of statutory duty in the majority of circumstances.

[Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013](#)

#### Health and Safety at Work, Etc. Act 1974

This entry has been significantly amended in relation to Section 47 (see the **Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013** above). You can access it by following the link below.

[Health and Safety at Work, Etc. Act 1974](#)

#### Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013

These Regulations have replaced the **Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995**. You can access the new entry on **RIDDOR 2013** by following the link below.

[Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013](#)

**Note:** your study elements are already up-to-date in relation to the legislation referred to above.

#### Treaty on the Functioning of the EU

This Treaty has replaced the Treaty of Rome. The most important Articles to note are Articles 114 (Harmonisation), 153 (Encouragement of improvements in health and safety) and 294 (Ordinary legislative procedure). You can access the new entry on the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU by following the link below.

[Treaty on the Functioning of the EU](#)

**Note:** we will advise you of any changes required to your study elements as a result of this Treaty.

You can access the complete Health and Safety Law and Case Law Guide via your e-Zone Library or Learning Centre Resource Library.





## RRC Environmental Law Guide

If you are studying a national (UK) course, please note the following amendments to entries in the Environmental Law and Case Law Guide.

### Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010

Under the subheading Amendments, the following new paragraph has been added:

“The **Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014** introduced a number of amendments to the 2010 Regulations including:

- Organisations that separate single mixed household or similar waste streams to sample quality of the input and output streams and make this information transparent.
- Removal of requirement to secure planning permission prior to a mining operation or a waste operation environmental permit being issued.
- Provision of a registration scheme for low-risk discharges to groundwater.
- A number of relatively minor technical changes to simplify permitting procedures for regulators (including variations of permits and service of notices).”

Under the subheading **Regulations 20 to 25**, the fourth paragraph now reads:

“Operators of Part B installations (except waste operations), mobile plant, solvent emission activity, a stand-alone water discharge activity or a stand-alone groundwater activity may surrender their permit by notifying the regulator. The permit ceases to have effect on the date of notification.”

### Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991

This entry has been deleted.

### Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011

The opening paragraph has been amended to include the following sentence:

“The Regulations were also updated by the **Waste (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014**.”

Under the subheading **Regulation 29**, the text now reads:

“Identifies the procedures required for registration, such as that registration must be made using the form provided by the Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales and registration may be refused if the applicant or another relevant person has committed a relevant offence or it would be undesirable for them to be registered.”

Under the subheading **Regulation 32**, the text now reads:

“Registration may be revoked if the registered person or another relevant person has committed a relevant waste offence or is undesirable. Written reasons must be given for revocation by the Environment Agency/Natural Resources Wales. Revocation comes into force 28 days after the date of notification or when an appeal is withdrawn or refused.”

Under the subheading **Regulation 35**, the text now reads:

“Written information must contain specified information such as:

- Identity of the waste.
- Name and address of transferor and transferee.
- What role the transferor or transferee plays (e.g. importer, transporter or local authority).
- Exemption from permitting.
- Registration number.

Written information can be in electronic format.”



## NEBOSH Diploma

The complete Environmental Law and Case Law Guide can be accessed via your e-Zone Library or Learning Centre Resource Library.

Any changes required to your study elements as a result of the legislation referred to above are covered in the section on your course below

### NEBOSH National Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety

#### Unit A

We have updated the study material for this unit to include further small amendments relating to:

- The **Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR)** (Elements A2 and A4).
- The withdrawal of the ACoP to the **Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (L21)** (Element A4).
- Changes to the law on civil liability for breach of statutory duty (Element A10).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

#### [Unit A Supplement](#)

**Note:** these changes have been made to your online material.

#### Unit B

##### Element B5

We have made a small amendment to the study material for this element in relation to the **Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013**.

In the main section on **Assessment and Control of Risk**, the last bullet point in the **Key Information** box now reads:

- “Biological agents can cause RIDDOR Reportable Incidents under a number of reportable categories: dangerous occurrences, occupational diseases and over-7-day injuries.”

**Note:** this change has been made to your online material.





## Unit C

### Element C1

We have updated the study material for this element to include reference to the latest HSE publications on work at height.

At the end of the main section on **Working at Height**, immediately before the **Revision Questions**, the **More** box now reads as follows:



#### More...

More information on working at height can be found in the HSE guidance document INDG401(rev2) *Working at height – A brief guide*, available at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg401.htm>

and also in INDG455 *Safe use of ladders and stepladders – A brief guide*, available at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg455.htm>

### Element C9

We have updated the study material for this element to include reference to the HSE's microsite for work at height.

At the end of the main section on **Working at Height from Fixed or Temporary Platforms**, immediately before the **Revision Questions**, the **More** box now reads as follows:



#### More...

The full text of the **Work at Height Regulations 2005** is available from:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2005/735/contents/made>

HSG33 is available to download from:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg33.htm>

The HSE also provides a microsite for work at height at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/work-at-height/index.htm>



## NEBOSH International Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety

### Unit IC

#### Element IC1

We have updated the study material for this element to include reference to the latest UK HSE publications on work at height.

At the end of the main section on Working at Height, immediately before the **Revision Questions**, the **More** box now reads as follows:



#### More...

More information on working at height can be found in the HSE guidance document INDG401(rev2) *Working at height – A brief guide*, available at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg401.htm>

and also in INDG455 *Safe use of ladders and stepladders – A brief guide*, available at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg455.htm>

**Note:** this change has been made to your online material.

## NEBOSH National Diploma in Environmental Management

### Unit ED1

We have updated the study material for this unit to cover:

- Changes to Environmental Impact Assessment (Element 2).
- Changes to the system for recording the transfer of non-hazardous waste (Elements 4 and 9).
- The **Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014** in relation to environmental permitting and civil sanctions (Element 5).
- The **Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) (Scotland) Regulations 2014** (Element 9).
- The **Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014** (Element 9).
- A change to the landfill tax (Element 9).
- Exemptions from the requirement to have a groundwater activity permit (Element 11).
- EU **Regulation 649/2012** on Prior Informed Consent (PIC) (Element 13).
- The Red List maintained by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) (Element 14).
- The Government's new Planning Practice Guidance (Element 14).

The majority of the above changes are very recent. If you are sitting the exam in June, you are not required to know the details of these but being able to show that you are aware of recent developments relevant to an exam question could gain you extra marks. We have included the above information for you for this reason.

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

#### [ED1 Supplement](#)

**Note:** these changes have been made to your online material.



## NEBOSH Certificate

### NEBOSH National General Certificate

#### Unit NGC2 (last exam June 2014)

##### Element 1

We have updated the study material for this element to include reference to the latest HSE guidance on work at height.

At the end of the main section on **Working at Height**, immediately before the **Revision Questions**, the **More** box now reads as follows:



More...

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/work-at-height/index.htm>

**Note:** this change has been made to your online material.

#### Unit GC2

##### Element 1

We have updated the study material for this element to include reference to the latest HSE guidance on work at height.

At the end of the main section on **Working at Height**, immediately before the **Revision Questions**, the **More** box now reads as follows:



More...

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/work-at-height/index.htm>

**Note:** this change has been made to your online material.





## NEBOSH International General Certificate

### Unit IGC2 (last exam June 2014)

#### Element 1

We have updated the study material for this element to include reference to the latest UK HSE guidance on work at height.

At the end of the main section on **Working at Height**, immediately before the **Revision Questions**, the **More** box now reads as follows:



#### More...

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/work-at-height/index.htm>

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/work-at-height/wait/index.htm>

**Note:** this change has been made to your online material.

### Unit GC2

#### Element 1

We have updated the study material for this element to include reference to the latest UK HSE guidance on work at height.

At the end of the main section on **Working at Height**, immediately before the **Revision Questions**, the **More** box now reads as follows:



#### More...

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/work-at-height/index.htm>

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/work-at-height/wait/index.htm>

**Note:** this change has been made to your online material.



## NEBOSH Construction Certificate

### Unit NCC1

#### Element 3

We have updated the study material for this element to include recent statistics in the **Driving at Work** section.

Please refer to the following link for the revised text:

#### [Road Injuries](#)

**Note:** this change has been made to your online material.

#### Element 10

The HSE has launched a new microsite for work at height. You can access this at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/work-at-height/index.htm>.

Resources available there include the guidance document INDG455 *Safe use of ladders and stepladders – A brief guide*, which has replaced INDG402.

## NEBOSH International Construction Certificate

### Unit ICC1

#### Element 3

We have updated the study material for this element to include recent statistics in the **Driving at Work** section.

Please refer to the following link for the revised text:

#### [Road Injuries](#)

**Note:** this change has been made to your online material.

#### Element 10

The UK HSE has launched a new microsite for work at height. You can access this at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/work-at-height/index.htm>.

Resources available there include the guidance document INDG455 *Safe use of ladders and stepladders – A brief guide*, which has replaced INDG402.

## NEBOSH Fire Certificate

### Unit FC1

#### Element 1

We have updated the study material for this element to reflect the guidance in the new edition of HSG65 (Managing for Health and Safety). Please note, however, that NEBOSH will accept references to either the PDCA or POPMAR management system in examination answers as both are recognised management systems.

RRC's free Technical Update, available at <http://www.rrc.co.uk/resources/technical-updates.aspx>, details the changes to HSG65.

**Note:** if you are studying under the 2010 Syllabus Specification (last exam June 2014) your study material remains unchanged.





## NEBOSH Certificate in Environmental Management

### Unit EC1

#### Element 6

We have updated the study material for this element to cover:

- Changes to the UK system for recording the transfer of non-hazardous waste.
- A change to landfill tax in the UK.

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[EC1 Supplement](#)

**Note:** these changes have been made to your online material.

## NEBOSH International Technical Certificate in Oil and Gas Operational Safety

### Unit IOG1

#### Element 3

We have amended the diagram entitled “Instrument Protection for Compressor” in the section of this element on **Safety Critical Equipment Controls**.

Please refer to the following link for the revised diagram:

[Instrument Protection for Compressor](#)

**Note:** this change has been made to your online material.

## NEBOSH Award

## NEBOSH Award in Health, Safety and Environment for the Process Industries

### Unit PS2

#### Element 2

We have updated the study material for this element to cover changes to the system for recording the transfer of non-hazardous waste.

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

[Unit PS2 Supplement](#)

**Note:** these changes have been made to your online material.



## IEMA

### IEMA Associate Certificate in Environmental Management

We have updated the study material for this course to cover:

- Changes to the system for recording the transfer of non-hazardous waste (Elements 1, 4 and 9).
- The **Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014** in relation to civil sanctions and environmental permitting (Element 2).
- A change to the landfill tax (Element 4).
- The Government's new Planning Practice Guidance (Element 6).
- The Red List maintained by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) (Element 6).
- **EU Regulation 649/2012** on Prior Informed Consent (PIC) (Element 8).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

#### [IEMA Associate Supplement](#)

**Note:** these changes have been made to your online material.

### IEMA Foundation Certificate in Environmental Management

We have updated the study material for this course to cover:

- The Red List maintained by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) (Element 1).
- Changes to the system for recording the transfer of non-hazardous waste (Elements 1, 2 and 4).
- The **Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014** in relation to environmental permitting (Element 2).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

#### [IEMA Foundation Supplement](#)

**Note:** these changes have been made to your online material.

### IEMA Introduction to Environmental Management Systems

#### Element 2

We have updated the study material for this element to cover changes to the system for recording the transfer of non-hazardous waste.

In the section on **Implementation and Operation**, under the subheading **Documentation & Control of Documents**, the fourth bullet point now reads:

- **“Records**

These provide detailed information of the EMS and are linked to the requirements of procedures. Examples include aspects and impact registers, training records and waste transfer written information.”

In the section on **Checking**, under the subheading **EMS Records**, the first bullet point now reads:

- “Waste transfer written information and consignment notes.”

**Note:** these changes have been made to your online material.





## IEMA Lead Environmental Auditor

We have updated the study material for this course to cover:

- The **Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014** in relation to environmental permitting (Element 1).
- Changes to the system for recording the transfer of non-hazardous waste (Elements 5, 6 and 8).

Please refer to the following Supplement for the amendments:

### [IEMA Lead Environmental Auditor Supplement](#)

**Note:** these changes have been made to your online material.





## Examination Closing Dates

The registration dates for the next available sittings for the NEBOSH exams are listed below. Please make sure you are aware of any mandatory entry requirements, such as submission of coursework, attendance at workshops, etc.

Please note that the following information is based on the National dates set by NEBOSH. Some centres arrange 'local' examination dates, which will fall on different days.

Course	RRC Exam Registration Closing Dates	Examination Date
<b>NEBOSH Award in Health and Safety at Work/Process Industries</b>		
Units: HSW1, HSEP1	01/06/2014	01/07/2014
	05/07/2014	05/08/2014
	01/08/2014	02/09/2014
		Call for exam venues
<b>NEBOSH National Certificate</b>		
Units: NGC1, GC2, FC1, NCC1, EC1, NHC1	01/07/2014	03/09/2014
<b>NEBOSH International Certificate</b>		
Units: IGC1, GC2, IFC1, ICC1, IOG	01/07/2014	03/09/2014
<b>NEBOSH Diploma in Environmental Management</b>		
	01/10/2014	04/12/2014
<b>NEBOSH Diploma Unit A/Unit IA</b>		
	01/11/2014	20/01/2015
<b>NEBOSH Diploma Unit B/Unit IB</b>		
	01/11/2014	21/01/2015
<b>NEBOSH Diploma Unit C/Unit IC</b>		
	01/11/2014	22/01/2015

NEBOSH Diploma Unit D/Unit ID	RRC Project Registration Closing Date	2014 Project Submission Dates
	01/07/2014	27/08/2014
	01/10/2014	26/11/2014

### RRC Middle East

Please click the following link to access RRC Middle East to check course dates and fees for 2014/15.

[www.rrc.com.bh](http://www.rrc.com.bh)

