

GENERIC KNOWLEDGE ASSESSMENT (GKA)

Legislation

(please note that this section will not contain questions relating to changes in any of the legislation which occurs after the 31st August 2008)

1. Waste Acceptance
 - limited to pre treatment of non-hazardous waste
 - categorisation of landfills
2. WEEE - general questions only
3. Hazardous Waste - generic questions
 - recognise obvious and common hazardous wastes,
 - awareness of how they can find out if didn't know,
 - awareness there is a separate consignment procedure
4. Duty of Care / Carrier Registration -
 - Registration of waste carriers
 - General requirement of duty of care (inc. transport/transfer of waste)
 - waste classification / EWC
 - record keeping/ transfer notes
5. Quality Protocols / re-use of waste - very general awareness of what they are but not details of any individual protocol
6. Environmental Permitting Regulations
 - Permitting process
 - Variations, transfer, surrender etc
 - Exemptions
 - Enforcement options

Health and Safety

1. Monitoring of H&S and risk assessment control procedures (behaviour / culture), use of PPE, reporting (RIDDOR)
2. People on site (staff and non staff)
 - Purpose of Traffic Management plans
 - procedures for dealing with contractors / sub contractors
 - H&S signs and signals
3. Permits to work - generic questions for awareness, i.e. explosive atmospheres, working at height and in confined spaces.

4. Requirements of using equipment, covering PUWER - provision and use of work equipment regulations, LOLER - lifting operation and lifting equipment regulations
5. Manual Handling
 - Risk factors for consideration when carrying out a manual handling assessment, TILE / LITE, task load individual environment

Environment Protection

1. Environmental incidents / spillages etc
 - Steps needed to remediate problems
 - Prevention etc
 - Reporting
 - Enforcement
 - Spill kits (including what to do with the absorbents)
 - House keeping
2. Environmental risks
 - Awareness of pathways / receptors
 - Surface water / drainage
3. Emissions
 - Control of litter, odour, mud, dust, vermin, etc.
 - Major emissions from your facility which need managing / reporting (will need to be covered in sector specific questions)
4. Oil storage
5. Containment / Storage
 - Impermeable pavements
 - Sealed drainage
 - Hard standing
 - Bunding
 - interceptors