

STP announces the release of its recently updated EHS audit protocol for the United Kingdom (UK)

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, February 21, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- STP ComplianceEHS (STP) and Specialty Technical Consultants (STC) announce the release of its recently updated EHS protocol for the United Kingdom (UK). This audit protocol, which covers relevant national EHS requirements. The regulatory date for the current release is October 2022

Leading companies around the world use EHS audit protocols to understand the scope of their EHS regulatory obligations and rapidly collect, share, archive, and export audit findings in a cost-effective manner. EHS audit protocols are prepared by STC in partnership with STP and continue to focus on those national (plus, in some cases, regional or provincial) EHS requirements that have site-specific applications for manufacturing operations. As a leading EHS management consulting firm with a global network of experienced EHS teaming partners, STC has in-depth knowledge and technical expertise of local/regional EHS requirements.

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Highlights of selected legislation covered in the newly developed protocol include:

Section 2.0 – General Environmental

Subsection 9 – Environmental Permitting/Industrial Emission – England and Wales was updated due to amendments to Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

Subsection 12 – European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register – Retained EU Requirements was updated due to minor amendments to Regulation (EC) No 166/2006, as applicable to the UK.

Updates were made to Appendix 2-A (previously 2-B), "Descriptions of Development, Selection

Criteria and Information for Environmental Impact Assessment” due to amendments to Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017. In addition, the comparable provisions for Scotland (as previously detailed in Appendix 2-C, which has now been removed) and Northern Ireland were incorporated into this Appendix. As a result, Appendix 2-A now applies to all of the United Kingdom.

Section 3.0 – Air Emissions

Previous Subsection 4 – Greenhouse Gas Emissions – Great Britain – EU Emissions Trading Scheme – Requirements Applicable until December 31, 2020 was removed. The UK ETS has replaced the EU ETS effective January 1, 2021.

New Subsection 4 – Facilities with Environmental Permits – Northern Ireland was added to incorporate requirements of Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013.

Section 4.0 – Solid and Hazardous Waste

Subsection 5 – Exempt Waste Operations – England and Wales was updated due to amendments to the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

Subsection 7 – Hazardous Waste Requirements – England and Wales was updated to clarify that the requirements for registration and notification of premises carrying out activities involving hazardous waste only apply in Wales. An additional question in this subsection was also updated due to minor amendments to the Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 and the Hazardous Waste (Wales) Regulations 2005.

Subsection 8 – Duty of Care – Scotland was updated due to amendments to the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Section 5.0 – Water Resources

The introductory notes to Subsection 9 – Authorizations for Activities Associated with the Water Environment – Scotland were updated due to amendments to the Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 and the publication of a new 2022 version of the Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011: A Practical Guide.

Section 6.0 – Above and Below Ground Tank Management

Subsection 6 – Piping, Valves and Gauges for Above Ground Oil Storage Tanks – Scotland was updated due to amendments to the Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011.

Previous Subsections 8 – 12 regarding guidance related to tanks that store flammable liquids were removed from this section.

Section 8.0 – PCBs

Subsection 1 – Registration, Prohibitions, Decontamination and Labeling was updated due to amendments to Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 and Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (Scotland) Regulations 2000. These amendments relate to PCB contamination thresholds for transformers. Northern Ireland has not yet adopted the amendments. However, Northern Ireland has been in consultation to make comparable amendments since these new requirements for PCB contamination thresholds are required as per Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019.

Section 10.0 – General Health and Safety

Minor updates were made to Appendix 10-D (previously 10-C), “Safety Signs” due to amendments to Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations 1996 and Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996.

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