Appendix 3/15

Minutes of the 15th meeting of the ALG Technical Working Group, 24 February 2015

Pre 4 Stage Clearance Inspections

Appendices are attached to Technical Working Group minutes when the nature and extent of discussions (or the complexity of the subject) warrants further explanation and clarification. The following is a summary of the discussions and conclusions on the above topic.

Analysts are increasingly being asked to enter live asbestos removal enclosures to provide advice and guidance to contractors on the required standard for the final clearance. Analysts are being brought under more pressure to do this to prevent issues for the contractor and client when the clearance stage is reached.

It is important to remember the respective roles and responsibilities of the analyst and the licensed asbestos removal contractor. It is the responsibility of the contractor to thoroughly and diligently clean up the work area. The analyst's role, however, is to provide the independent verification that the area is clean and suitable for subsequent use. It is not the analyst's role to oversee the final clean of the area.

The analyst should wait until the end of the job before entering the enclosure and at the point when the supervisor of the licensed company has declared the area clean and suitable for inspection. If there are areas which may be difficult to get clean then this should have been addressed and dealt with as part of the initial work planning and be included within the contractor's plan of work.

The analyst should be informed of any potential issues before starting the 4 stage clearance.

In summary any pre 4 stage clearance inspection should be carried out by the contractor. The analyst should only enter once the enclosure has been given the final clean.