

# EPScm Environment Policy

(to be read in conjunction with company IMS manual)



## Environmental Policy

EPSCM is certified under the ISO 14001 scheme. Site management is responsible for ensuring all necessary environmental control measures identified within the IMS are followed and implemented before the start of any construction activities.

COSHH assessments for substances will be produced by the sub-contractor and form part of their RAMS package. COSHH assessments will be explained to operatives by sub-contractor supervisor upon signing RAMS.

Site induction will include environmental controls in place or necessary actions required, such as the locations of spill kits and emergency actions. The site will maintain a suitable spillage kit at the following location(s) across the site:

- Site Office
- Project building

## Reducing noise, vibration & dust

Noisy activities must be carried out outside of normal working hours. Such works could include:

- Drilling into concrete or metal surface
- Coring / Chasing of walls and floors
- Large deliveries of materials to site with reversing sounds.

Noise Level shall be risk assessed and recorded and hearing protection of the correct attenuation level shall be issued to employees so that they can still hear instructions, and be aware of hazards around them such as moving plant or vehicles, and be able to hear the fire alarm and other warnings. The main noisy works will be associated to the demolition of the building.

Dust suppression measures are to be in place if suppliers are likely to cause large amounts of construction dust that will spread across the project. Operatives working locally with dust generating activities are to have on tool extraction / FFP3 masks.

## Types of environmental incidents

- Minor
- Major
- Emergency

## Minor

A minor environmental incident is an occurrence which leads to or has the potential to lead to minor harm to the environment. This can include:

- a small spillage of a container of oil or petrol to hard-standing
- a complaint to the site from the public about noise, dust or dirt on the roads
- waste being segregated incorrectly on site

## Major

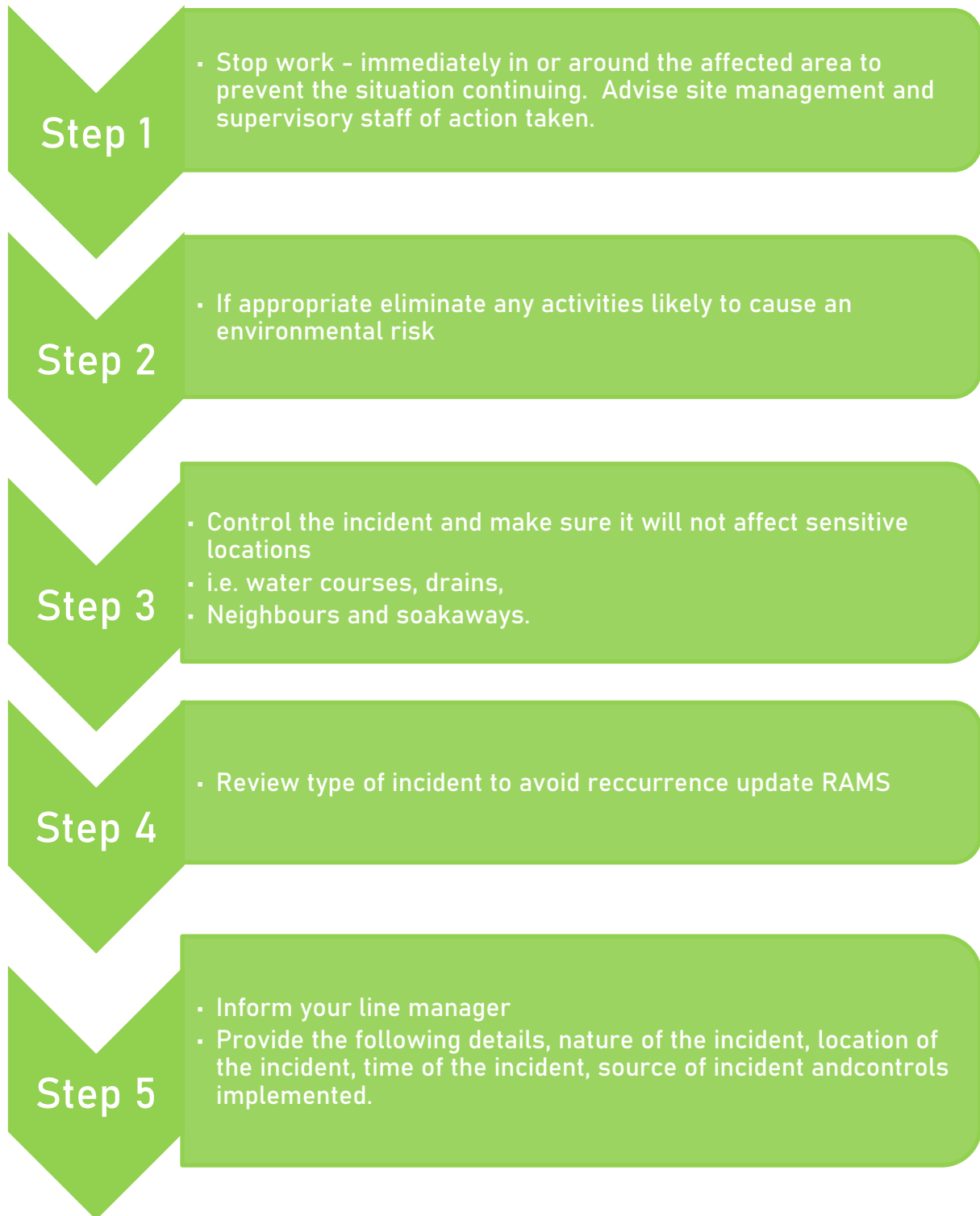
A major environmental incident is a legal breach, an event or series of events, which leads to or has the potential to lead to significant harm to the environment. For example:

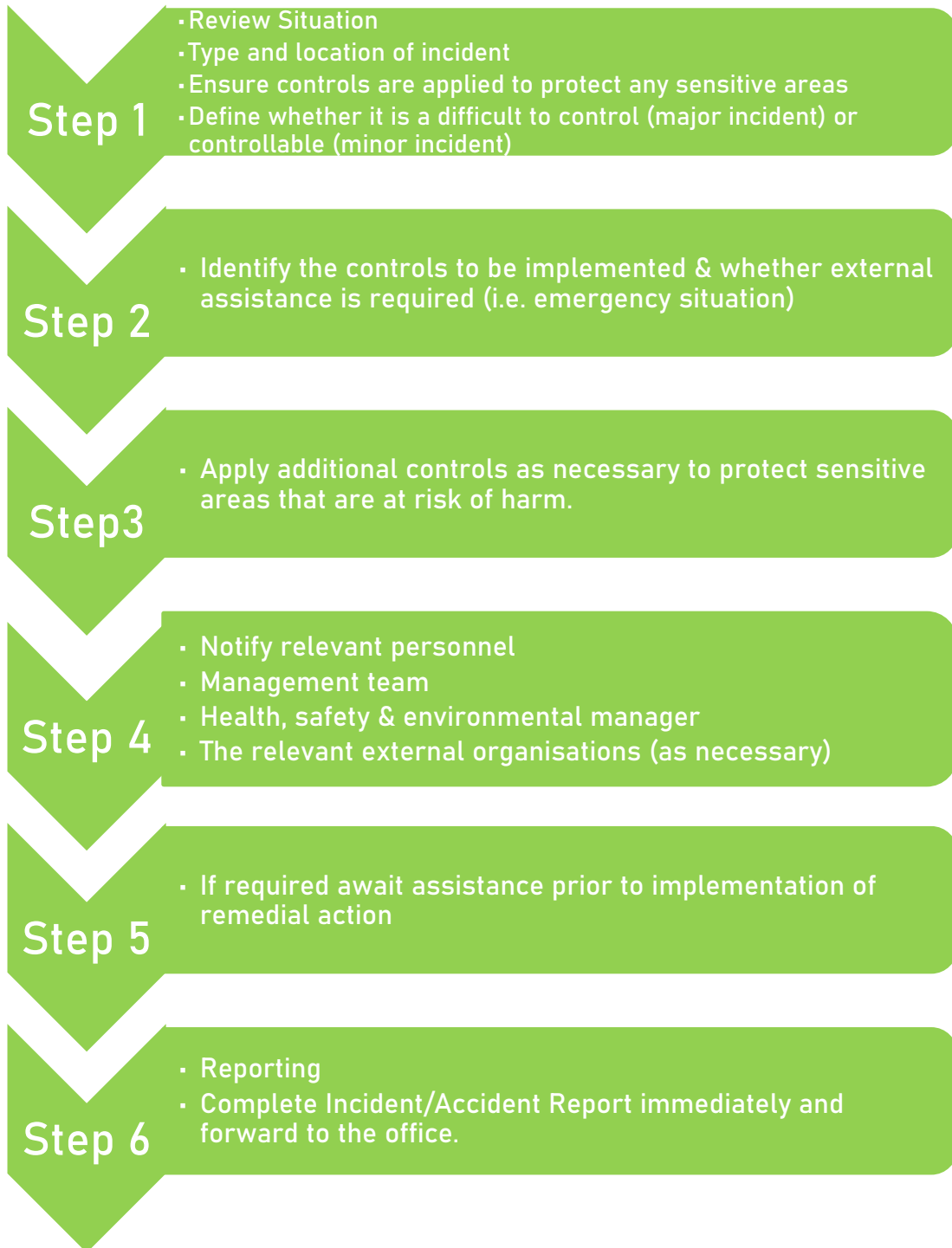
- Waste products being disposed of incorrectly (fly-tipping) on a large scale. Using unlicensed
- waste contractors or not using waste transfer notices for hazardous waste such as asbestos.
- A substantial complaint from the public in regards to noise, light or road conditions.
- Enforcement action served by a local regulator.

## Emergencies

An emergency is a situation that has moved beyond the control of EPS and requires the assistance of external agencies to minimise the potential harm to the environment. In this incidence, the site management is to ring 0800 80 70 60 straight away for further advice.

Minor incidents – Site operative level





## Environmental Arrangements

It is a condition of any sub-contract that the Sub-contractor will adhere to the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and all Regulations, Codes of Practice applicable to that Act and in accordance with the environmental policy of EPS.

EPS is committed to ensure its impact on the environment is a positive one and the arrangements below are in place to minimise any negative impact that our activities may have.

## Organization and Arrangements

All Sub-contractors must be able to provide EPS if requested:

- Name and contact details of any licensed waste contractor uses to dispose of waste if applicable, including any waste transfer notes.

## Risk Assessments, Safe Systems of Work & Method Statements / COSHH

- If any works are likely to impact the environment, hazards are to be identified, risks to be assessed and preventative / control measures to be detailed in RAMS.
- Any COSHH assessments must detail the environmental risks with any hazardous substances the sub-contractor may be using and the measures to be taken by the sub-contractor to control those risks.

## Competence

All Tier 1 sub-contractors will be subject to pre-assessment before working on EPS projects via the sub-contractor questionnaire.

On the occasion when a package of work is let to a Tier 2 Sub-Contractor, they must disclose every element of their work to ensure EPS Standards will be met.

## Plant & Equipment

Ensure compliance with the following:

- All sub-contractors plant/equipment (whether owned or hired) is to be thoroughly inspected before being put to work on-site and relevant certification held. Any defects on inspection sheets are to be addressed before work commences on EPS projects. In the event that recorded inspection overlaps whilst on an EPS project, equipment or plant is not to be used until defects are rectified.
- Sub-contractors shall take full note of their responsibility under the PUWER Regulations in respect of all plant and equipment brought on to site for their use.
- Spill arrangements must be made by the sub-contractor in the event of an emergency.
- All spills are to be reported to EPS site management, no matter how small.

## Co-operation, Co-ordination & Communication

- Ensure that all those under their control comply with EPS site rules and policies as per site induction.
- Immediately inform EPS site management of any event that may affect the local ecological system or environment.
- Take the necessary disciplinary action against any operative who fails to comply with site requirements. This includes removal from the site if directed by EPS.

## Waste / Disposal

- The sub-contractor is to provide details of any waste-related matters to EPS on request.
- Waste is to be correctly disposed of by the sub-contractor using a licensed waste disposal company.
- Waste is to be disposed of in a timely manner, skips are not to overflow or be left in such a manner that damages the public perception of EPS as a company. This includes litter in addition to site waste generated by the project.
- Items of COSHH are to be disposed of as per COSHH assessment and MSDS recommendations. Any sub-contractor found to be incorrectly disposing of materials or in a manner that may affect the reputation of the EPS company image will be removed from the site.
- Liquids are not to be poured down water sources and spills are to be contained immediately.
- All reasonable steps are to be taken to;
- Prevent/Minimise
- Design SOW to suit standard product sizes, avoid site cutting and materials going off-site where possible.
- Avoid over-ordering materials.
- Use recycled materials where possible.
- Pre-assemble components off-site or using pre-cast sections.
- Reuse
- Recycle office waste (e.g. paper, cans and plastics) using the facilities provided by EPS / the client.
- Segregate waste materials to a separate area on site.
- Recycling
- Sending waste for composting or for energy recovery.
- Recovery
- Disposal
- Disposal to a local landfill should be the last resort.
- Waste accumulated will be recorded weekly on progress reports