

This newsletter is aimed at all personnel registered on the MCERTS Personnel Competency scheme. It is intended to keep you up-to-date with scheme developments, summarise exam results, provide guidance on some technical aspects and help with future examinations. If you have any comments, suggestions or topics you would like to see included in future editions, please let us know. Send your comments to mcerts@siraenvironmental.com.

Complaints against MCERTS Level 2 Personnel

Level 2 Personnel are reminded that they may be required to retake their Level 2 oral examination if the MCERTS examination board receives and upholds a complaint against them of a serious nature. This may be a complaint regarding their technical competence or adherence to health & safety procedures.

Personnel certification flowchart

A certification flowchart has been produced which explains the various options available to candidates for the various levels of certification. The flowchart, together with application forms and other relevant documents is available to download at www.sira.co.uk/mcerts_personnel_forms.html

Recertification

Personnel may apply for recertification up to 12 months before their current certificate expires.

To be eligible for Level 2 recertification, personnel shall demonstrate that they have carried out monitoring on at least 25 occasions and taken a hazard identification and risk assessment course relevant to stack emission monitoring within the five year recertification period.

Personnel eligible for recertification are required to pass an examination paper, for each technical endorsement held. Each paper consists of both multiple-choice and narrative questions. Each paper has 20 multiple-choice questions and two narrative questions. One mark is available for each multiple-choice question and 10 marks for

each narrative question. The pass mark is 26/40 (65%).

Examination dates 2008

The 2008 examination schedule has now been finalised and can be viewed at www.sira.co.uk/mcerts/examdates.mht

Occasionally, examinations are re-scheduled. Check the web-site to view the current situation.

Use of Personal Stack Monitoring Record

The use of an approved stack monitoring record format is mandatory for work carried out after 1 May 2007. Copies of the record, together with an explanation of the information required can be found at www.sira.co.uk/downloads/personalstackmonitoringrecord.doc

Exam board meetings

Exam board meetings are scheduled for 10 December 2007 and 19 March 2008. Exam results will be notified to candidates shortly after each exam board meeting. Exam results will NOT be given out over the telephone.

Contact details

Sira maintains a list of personnel registered on the scheme. As competency certification is awarded to the individual, not to their employer it is the individual's responsibility to inform Sira of changes in contact details.

Project Steering Committee

If you have any comments or feedback on the operation of the scheme, please let us know and we will discuss them at the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 11 October 2007.