

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](mailto:mcerts@siraenvironmental.com).

### **MCERTS Code of Conduct**

The MCERTS Code of Conduct has recently been revised. All MCERTS personnel agree to comply with the MCERTS Code of Conduct when they apply for certification and recertification.

A copy of the revised Code of Conduct can be found on page 2 of this issue.

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### **New exam venue at Chester**

Candidates are reminded that, from May 2008 examinations held at Chester have moved to the Ramada Hotel, Whitchurch Road, Christleton, Chester. CH3 5QL.

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### **Certification statistics**

There are currently 916 personnel registered on the scheme and 481 certificates have been issued since 2002. Certified personnel are made up as follows:

Level 1	193	Level 2	288
TE1	310	TE2	174
TE3	162	TE4	219

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### **Recent exam results**

Of the examinations carried out between January and February 2008 the average success rate for the various papers is as follows:

Level 1 m/c	75%	Level 1 narr	93%
Level 2 oral	63%		
TE1 m/c	100%	TE1 narr	63%
TE2 m/c	30%	TE2 narr	71%
TE3 m/c	50%	TE3 narr	80%
TE4 m/c	20%	TE4 narr	88%

### **Recertification exam results**

49 recertification papers have been sat since October 2007. The success rate is currently 94%.

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### **Personal Stack Monitoring Records**

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](http://www.sira.co.uk/downloads/personalstackmonitoringrecord.doc)

All stack monitoring records must be submitted using the approved form.

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### **Exam board meetings**

Exam board meetings are scheduled for 12 June and 9 September 2008. Exam results will be notified to candidates shortly after each exam board meeting. Exam results will NOT be given out over the telephone.

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### **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.

## Code of Conduct

- I agree to comply with the "MCERTS Personnel Competency Standard" and "MCERTS Performance Standard for Organisations" <sup>Note 1</sup>  
Note 1 : this applies when personnel are carrying out MCERTS accredited stack emissions monitoring
- I agree to follow relevant Health & Safety guidance given in "Environment Agency Technical Guidance Note M1" and the "Source Testing Association's Risk Assessment Guide : Industrial Emission Monitoring" <sup>Note 2</sup>  
Note 2 : this applies to all stack emissions monitoring, including unaccredited work. Personnel who do not follow the health & safety guidance on all occasions may have their certification suspended or withdrawn by Sira
- I agree to comply with the "Regulations Applicable to Holders of Sira Certificates"
- I agree to only make claims regarding the scope and status of my MCERTS certification in accordance with the scope for which certification has been awarded.
- I agree not to use my certification in a misleading manner.
- I agree not to use my MCERTS certification in such a manner as to bring Sira or the Environment Agency into disrepute.
- I agree not to make any misleading or unauthorised statement regarding my MCERTS certification.
- Upon suspension or withdrawal of my MCERTS certification, I agree to immediately discontinue any claim to hold certification and to return all certificates and identification cards to Sira.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_