64937 Health and Safety Regulations

For the period 1 January 2015 to the date of this request.

This request concerns health and safety regulation at petrol filling stations, retail fuel forecourts and petrol dispensing premises,

1. Enforcing authority

Please confirm which enforcing authority is responsible, within the geographic area covered by your authority/service, for enforcement of COSHH and other general health and safety legislation in relation to the normal operation of retail petrol filling stations.

Where this function is exercised by a particular department or service within your authority, please identify that department or service where known.

If this responsibility rests with another public authority, please identify that authority where known.

Appendix 1: Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority) Regulations 1998: A to Z guide to allocation.

It would be generally considered an Environmental Health responsibility for COSHH and shared responsibility for H&S between Trading Standards and Environmental Health for Petrol Stations.

2. Health and safety interventions

Please provide the number of health and safety interventions undertaken by your authority/service at petrol filling stations, retail fuel forecourts or petrol dispensing premises during the requested period.

268 visits made in the last 6 years 2020-26.

We do not hold this information prior to 2020.

3. COSHH consideration

Of the interventions identified in Question 2, please provide the number for which your authority's records show that COSHH compliance was considered.

If COSHH would normally form part of a generic health and safety inspection but your authority does not separately record whether it was considered during individual interventions, please state this.

COSHH Forms part of a generic H&S inspection and not is recorded.

4. Petrol-specific COSHH or hazardous-substance assessment.

Of the interventions identified in Question 2, please provide the number for which your authority's records show that an inspector requested, examined or reviewed a duty holder’s COSHH assessment or other hazardous-substance risk assessment relating specifically to petrol, motor-fuel dispensing or refuelling activities.

We do not hold this information. COSHH assessments already applied at Petrol retail sites along with their own Risk Assessments are available on site.

5. Exposure to petrol and hazardous substances

Of the interventions identified in Question 2, please provide the number for which your authority's records show specific consideration of exposure to one or more of the following:

• petrol vapour;

• petrol liquid, splash or residue;

• benzene; or

• other hazardous substances associated with petrol dispensing or refuelling.

There were 6 interventions of fuel spillages where sites were closed.

6. Routes of exposure

Of the interventions identified in Question 2, please provide the number for which your authority's records show specific consideration of each of the following routes of exposure associated with petrol dispensing or refuelling:

• inhalation;

• skin/dermal contact; and

• ingestion.

There were no interventions reported.

7. Persons potentially exposed

Of the interventions identified in Question 2, please provide the number for which your authority's records show consideration of exposure affecting each of the following groups:

• employees of the forecourt operator;

• contractors or other persons working at the premises;

• persons refuelling vehicles as part of their work or employment; and

• customers or other members of the public.

No numbers are recorded for the above groups.

8. Exposure controls and adequate controls

Of the interventions identified in Question 2, please provide the number for which your authority's records show specific consideration of:

• measures used to prevent or control exposure to petrol or its hazardous constituents;

• whether exposure was adequately controlled for the purposes of COSHH; and/or

• requirements or control measures associated with carcinogenic or mutagenic substances, including benzene.

No numbers are recorded but Risk Assessment are provided for Petrol and COSSH with exposure limits along with DSEAR Risk Assessment.

In addition, control measures are on-going training, PPE and a personal gas monitor device with annual recalibration.

9. Enforcement action

During the requested period, please provide the number of Improvement Notices and Prohibition Notices issued by your authority at petrol filling stations, retail fuel forecourts or petrol dispensing premises which cited or related to:

• COSHH;

• hazardous-substance risk assessment;

• petrol or benzene exposure;

• petrol vapour exposure;

• skin/dermal exposure to petrol;

• exposure monitoring; or

• health surveillance.

Nil

10. Inspection guidance and procedures

Please confirm whether your authority/service holds or has used during the requested period any inspection guidance, procedures, checklists, aide-memoires, training materials, enforcement guidance, HSE guidance or other operational documents specifically concerning COSHH compliance or health risks associated with petrol or motor-fuel dispensing at retail fuel forecourts.

If such material is held, please identify its title, date and/or brief description where readily available.

Please see the following

http://www.hse.gov.uk/fireandexplosion/petroleum.htm

Updates from Petroleum Enforcement Liaison Group and APEA

Petrol Filling Stations Guidance on managing the risks of fire and explosion (The Red Guide)

The energy institute Design, construction, modification, maintenance and decommissioning of filling stations. Published by the energy institute and APEA.

11. DSEAR / fire and explosion risk

Of the interventions identified in Question 2, please provide the number for which your authority's records show that compliance with the Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002 (DSEAR), or fire and explosion risks associated with petrol storage or dispensing, was considered.

DSEAR documentation has been checked and recorded on 231 occasions since 2020.

If DSEAR enforcement relating to petrol dispensing at retail filling stations is undertaken by a separate Petroleum Enforcement Authority (PEA) or other public body, please state this and identify the relevant authority where known.