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To

All PDO Staff, Contractors & PDO approved HSE Training Providers

Revised Validity Period of H₂S Awareness and Escape Permit

Over the last 2 years there has been confusion over the validity period of "H₂S Entry Permits". Historically the validity period has always been 3 years but cards issued since July 2002 were marked with a 2 year validity period only. This was due to an error in the current HSE Training Specification SP1157.

It has been decided to correct this error and issue this clarification which will affect all holders of "H₂S Entry Permits", both PDO and PDO contractor staff.

With immediate effect the refresher period, for the H₂S Awareness and Escape Course (LX-002) and the validity period of the "H₂S Entry Permit" shall be 3 (three) years from the date of issue.

No action is required by holders of "H₂S Entry Permits" marked with a 2 year Expiry Date. This date shall be ignored, the validity of the "H₂S Entry Permit" shall be 3 years from the date of issue.

H₂S training providers shall ensure that the change in validity period is taken into account when marking up HSE Training Passports and issuing new H₂S Permits.

The contents of the HSE Training Specification SP1157 will be revised in due course.

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