

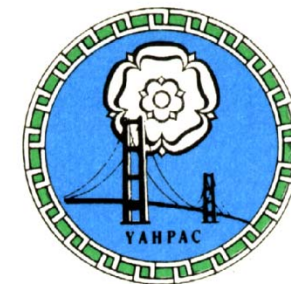


Revised Part 2A Statutory Guidance - a YAHPAC Proactive Response

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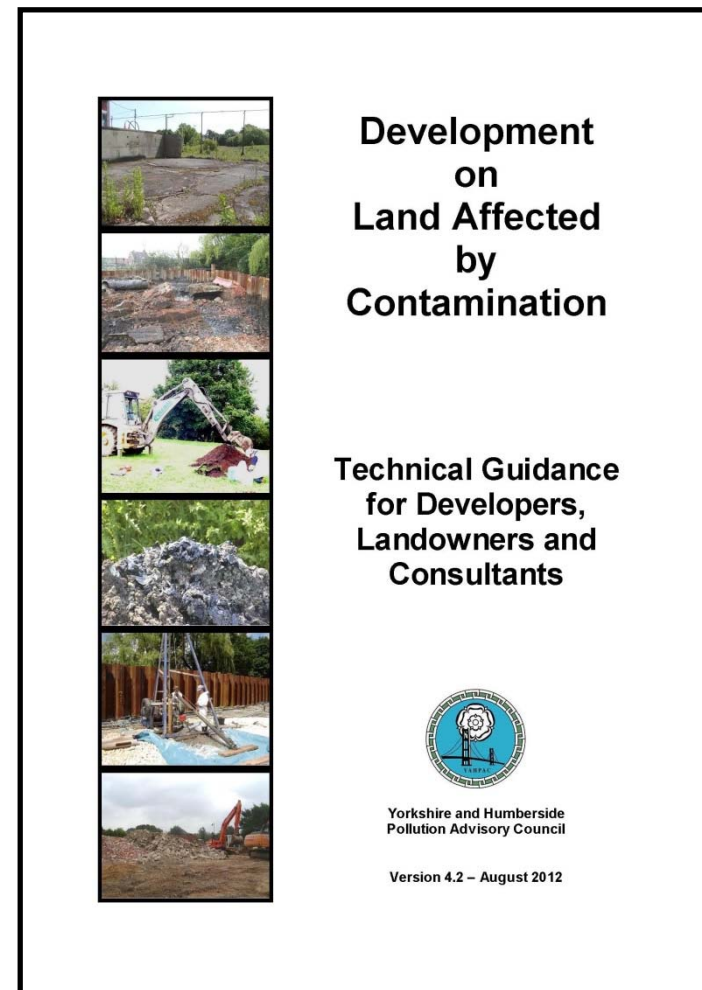
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What is YAHPAC?

- Yorkshire and Humber Pollution Advisory Council (YAHPAC) - Land sub-committee
- Regular meetings to discuss national & local issues, consultations, training needs, case studies
- Local planning guidance for developers, and guidance on verification of cover systems





Revised Part 2A Statutory Guidance

- YAHPAC response to draft Statutory Guidance consultation in 2011
- New SG published by Defra April 2012
- Shorter, simpler and more focused on the sites most in need of intervention
- Wider consideration of the benefits, impacts and costs of remediation
- Some new terms (Categories, Risk Summaries, 'Normal' levels of contamination)

YAHPAC workshop on the revised Part 2A Statutory Guidance



- Workshop held in Nov 2012 to discuss the key changes, share experiences so far and gather opinions/questions needing clarification

Focused on four main areas in the workshop groups:

1. 4 categories of harm;
2. Risk summaries & written statements;
3. Determination & cost recovery policies;
4. Socio-economic and other factors (e.g. direct and indirect health effects of remediation, number of people affected, etc.)



Objectives and outcomes of the workshop

- Harmonise the approach taken to Part 2A by LA's in the YAHPAC region;
- Feedback questions to Defra that need further clarification/guidance
- Inform the development of a local authority 'toolkit' for Part 2A – generic procedures, practical guidance, and standardised templates e.g. Risk Summary



Still in need of Defra guidance.....

- Informing property owners when site is Cat 4 (clearly NOT contaminated land), even if no intrusive investigation was carried out? Raising concerns by publishing written statement? Unintended blight?
- Comparing sites to similar situations in the UK or elsewhere, to determine SPOSH. Could this information be collated centrally? Expert Panel?



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- Assessing socio-economic factors, or other health effects, such as stress, when deciding whether or not to remediate. Further guidance needed?
- Assessing significant harm health effects, their timescales and comparing relative risks. Public health role?



Draft Part 2A Toolkit.....

Part 1 – Inspection strategy

➔ What to include, prioritisation, site inspection templates

Part 2 – Categories of harm

➔ Questions to consider when deciding if harm/pollution is significant

Part 3 – Risk summaries & written statements

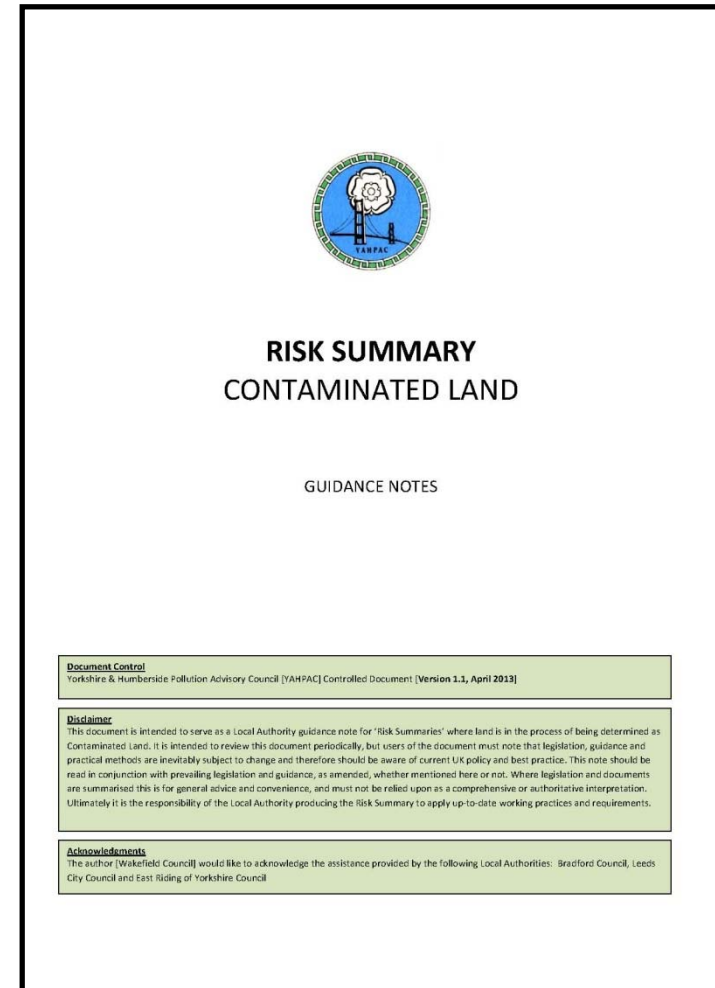
➔ Templates and guidance notes

Part 4 – Determination and remediation

➔ Considerations before determining or remediating a site, and advice on establishing liability and costs recovery

Draft Risk Summary Template & Notes

- Standard template for RS (Cat 1 and 2)
- Complies with SG
- Guidance notes and generic information on common contaminants, i.e. typical sources, screening levels, possible health effects, timescales & uncertainty





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Thank you for listening....