

BEST PRACTICE

LOCATION: Readymix or mortar plant **ARTICLE YEAR:** 2005
ACTIVITY: Occupational Health **COMPANY:** Tarmac Northern
SUB ACTIVITY: Air and dust **COMPANY LOCATION:** Uddingston, Glasgow
BEST PRACTICE No: BP201 **COMPANY TEL:** 01698 804900

TITLE

Managing occupational health

ARTICLE

Good housekeeping to improve health and hygiene standards is given due prominence at this ready-mix plant in Uddingston. It has installed reverse jet filters, fan assisted reverse jet filters, and a central vacuum system to significantly reduce dust.

On a company-wide scale, Tarmac has produced Environmental Good Housekeeping Best Practice Guide, which covers areas such as site entrance; offices and welfare facilities; and fuel, oil and chemical storage areas. The companyTMs SHE policies and guidance, accessible from the intranet system, includes guidance on first aid; the risks of drug and alcohol misuse; and how to manage stress.

Induction programmes and risk assessments also target occupational health issues. Risk assessments are broken down into four parts:

- 1 possible hazards associated with the task
- 2 measures to reduce or remove the hazard
- 3 persons most at risk from this activity
- 4 personal protective equipment (PPE) to be used.

The severity of the risk and the likelihood of harm occurring are calculated using a scale from one (severity: nil; probability: improbable) to five (severity: high; probability: likely). If the score falls into low risk then work can then be carried out. If the score falls into medium or high risk, further measures must be taken.

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