

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority is the statutory Waste Disposal Authority for Merseyside. The Authority has responsibility for the management and aftercare at seven closed landfill sites throughout the Merseyside area, including one site that is subject to a Waste Management License and Pollution Prevention and Control Permit.

Billinge Hill Quarry is subject to an Environmental Permit for its Landfill Leachate Treatment Plant. This permit requires the Authority to demonstrate that we have the 'technical competence' to satisfy regulatory requirements through an approved competence scheme.

It is the Authority's policy to implement and maintain a Competence Management System (CMS) that will satisfy the regulatory requirements of technical competence and comply with the environmental permit. The CMS will demonstrate the Authority's ability to manage the permitted closed landfill site using sufficient competent persons and resources. The CMS will demonstrate the technical competence of all staff whose work is in any way involved with the permitted site.

The overall aims of the system are to comply with the compliance obligations in place at the site and to support environmental protection and to protect human health.

To ensure technical competence among MWDA staff that is appropriate for the management of a permitted closed landfill site – Billinge Hill Quarry - that the Authority is responsible for, the Authority operates an accredited CMS, the scope of which encompasses: -

***'The management of Billinge Hill Quarry closed landfill site.'***

The CMS will:-

- Comply with requirements of the Permit Waste Management License and Pollution Prevention and Control Permit at Billinge Hill Quarry closed landfill site
- Ensure that we maintain and improve the competence of staff who have a direct role in activities at the permitted site
- Provide a framework for setting and reviewing competence related objectives and targets
- Be continually improved on to enhance the environmental permit compliance

This Technical Competence Policy will be maintained as documented information, be communicated within the organisation, including to all persons working for or on behalf of the Authority, and it will be made available to interested parties through the Authority's website.

This Technical Competence Policy is issued with my authority. CMS policies and procedures cannot be changed without my authority.



Signed :

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