



Risk assessments and platform inspection records

1. Risk assessments

The risk assessment is a fundamental requirement of MCERTS for manual stack emission monitoring and a legal requirement.

It must be carried out at the site review stage, before each sampling campaign and every day work is carried out.

If an MCERTS accredited organisation cannot provide evidence that they have carried out a risk assessment **they are putting their accreditation at significant risk and may, in addition, be reported to the Health and Safety Executive.**

2. Platform inspection records

The Working at Height regulations require platforms to be inspected by a structural engineer at appropriate time intervals. The operator must keep records of these inspections.

It is the responsibility of the operator to provide platform inspection records to the monitoring contractor prior to work commencing. We will fully support monitoring organisations that do not carry out work because suitable platform inspection records are not available.

Further details on the Working at Height regulations are provided in Source Testing Association guidance note “WAH 001 Inspection of permanent elevated working platforms”, which is available at:

http://www.s-t-a.org/sta_healthsafety_GuidanceNote.html

3. Feedback

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