

Water and Effluent

Self assessment – Add your actions to your Action Plan at the back of this folder

For Water and Effluent	Poor practice	Improving safety practice	Great safety practice
	Address these areas immediately!!	There is still work to be done	Monitor and review to continually improve
Worker involvement and feedback about water and effluent safety	Not involved	Some information and discussion	Fully involved in decisions and developing procedures
Dams, irrigation channels, effluent ponds, and larger solids traps close to the house fenced off to restrict access by children and others	Not done	Some done	All done
Water storages such as tanks, wells, sumps, solid traps and pump wells securely covered and/or fenced off	Not done	Some done	All done
Securely fenced child safe play area with self-latching gates within sight of the house	Not available	Area available but needs improvement	Area well set up
Children supervised by an adult whenever in, on, or around water	Not mandated	Mandated but not always done	Always done
Emergency response plans (should a drowning occur)	Not developed	Limited development and review	In place and regularly reviewed
Guarding on moving parts of pumps and irrigators that may cause injury	None	Some but not all adequate	All adequately guarded
Training in the safe use of high pressure washers if used on the farm	Not done	Some but not all workers	All workers trained
An effluent management plan that includes identifying and controlling health and safety risks to workers and others	Not developed	Limited development and implementation	Fully developed and implemented
Ponds designed with gradual batters and wide embankments to enable safe access by machinery for desludging	None	Some	All
Barriers or wheel chocks used if tractors are working close to ponds	Never	Sometimes	Always, or machinery never near ponds
Safe procedures for pump and agitator maintenance (e.g. power locked out, done out of water, supervised if on water)	Not developed	Limited development and implementation	Fully developed and implemented
Pond management to prevent build-up of manure crusts, manure gases and insects	Not done	Limited development and implementation	Fully developed and implemented
Good hygiene practices when working with effluent	No process set up	Process set up, not used by all	Process is used by all workers
Records of induction and training	Not kept	Some	Complete and up-to-date
Reporting injuries and near misses	No process set up	Process set up, not used by all	Process is used by all workers
Follow-up	None	Limited review and action	All issues acted on, including notifications required by law