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UEPOPS241B Operate and monitor ash and dust disposal plant

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Unit Descriptor

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1) Scope:

1.1) Descriptor

This unit deals with the skills and knowledge required to operate, inspect and monitor ash and dust disposal plants associated with a coal fired power station.

Application of the Unit

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This unit is intended to augment formally acquired competencies. It is suitable for employment-based programs under an approved contract of training.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

License to practice 3)

The skills and knowledge described in this unit do not require a licence to practise in the workplace. However, practice in this unit is subject to regulations directly related to Occupational Health and Safety and where applicable contracts of training such as apprenticeships and the like.

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite Unit(s) 4)

Competencies 4.1)

Granting of competency in this unit shall be made only after competency in the following unit(s) has/have been confirmed.

Where pre-requisite pathways have been identified. All competencies in the Common Unit Group must be have been completed.

There are no pre-requisite units.

Literacy and numeracy skills 4.2)

Participants are best equipped to achieve this unit if they have reading, writing and numeracy skills indicated by the following levels. A description of what each level entails is provided in Section 2.3.1 Language, Literacy and Numeracy.

Reading 2 Writing 2 Numeracy 2

Employability Skills Information

Employability Skills 5)

The required outcomes described in this unit of competency contain applicable facets of Employability Skills. The Employability Skills Summary of the qualification in which this unit of competency is packaged will assist in identifying Employability Skill requirements.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

6) Elements describe the essential outcomes of a competency standard unit

Performance Criteria describe the required performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the Evidence Guide.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
1 Plan and prepare plant for operation	1.1 Safety issues are identified to comply with enterprise/site and legislative requirements
	1.2 Work requirements are identified from relevant personnel and documentation
	1.3 Localised plant inspection and field preparation for service is carried out in accordance with manufacturer's and enterprise/site procedures
	1.4 Plant operational pre-requisites are established in accordance with manufacturer's and enterprise/site procedures
	1.5 Sequence for recommissioning of plant is determined to suit existing circumstances in accordance with enterprise/site requirements
	1.6 Where appropriate, the teams and individuals roles and responsibilities within the team are identified and, where required, assist in the provision of the on-the-job training
2 Operate plant	2.1 Plant is operated in accordance with enterprise and manufacturer's operating procedures
	2.2 Plant is monitored and observed to detect deviations from normal operating conditions
	2.3 Corrective actions taken or reported, to rectify abnormalities, are in accordance with industry standards and site requirements
3 Test plant operation	3.1 Tests are performed in accordance with defined procedures applicable to the operational test
	3.2 Plant is observed for correct operational response
	3.3 Corrective action is taken when response is not in accordance with documentation, plant integrity or personnel safety requirements
	Respond to abnormal plant operation

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
4	<p>4.1 Causes of abnormal plant operating conditions are identified by analysing the technical and operational information in a logical and sequential manner</p> <p>4.2 Corrective action taken is in accordance with enterprise/site procedures</p> <p>4.3 Plant integrity and personnel safety is maintained through consultation with appropriate personnel, and with reference to plant, technical and operational documentation</p>
5 Monitor and inspect plant	<p>5.1 Plant to be monitored/inspected is physically identified</p> <p>5.2 Plant is monitored/inspected for normal operation or to detect deviations</p> <p>5.3 Corrective action taken is in accordance with enterprise/site procedures</p> <p>5.4 Appropriate personnel are notified when defects are detected</p>
6 Complete documentation	<p>6.1 Documentation is updated and plant problems, movements, and abnormalities and status are reported and logged in accordance with enterprise/site procedures</p>

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

8) This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

Evidence shall show that knowledge has been acquired of operating and monitoring ash and dust disposal plants.

All knowledge and skills detailed in this unit should be contextualised to current industry practices and technologies.

The extent of the Essential Knowledge and Associated Skills required follows:

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Evidence shall show that knowledge has been acquired for safe working practices of:

T1 Relevant Environmental, Occupational Health and Safety legislation and regulations

T2 Enterprise procedures

T3 Plant drawings and manufacturers manuals

T4 Introduction to and typical arrangements of power production plant

T5 Relevant plant and equipment, its location and operating parameters

T6 Plant status

T7 Enterprise recording procedures

T8 Control and data acquisition systems

T9 Computers and software

T10 Emergency procedures

T11 Electric motor types and characteristics

T12 Pump and compressor types and characteristics

T13 Valve, damper and actuator types and characteristics

T14 Properties and types of ash formations

T15 Properties of matter

T16 Lubrication and bearings

T17 Bottom ash types and characteristics

T18 Fly ash types and characteristics

T19 Ash removal systems types and characteristics

T20 Electrical principles

T21 Switchgear types and characteristics

T22 Electrical protection types and characteristics

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Specific skills needed to achieve the Performance Criteria:

T1 Interpret plant drawings and manufacturers manuals

T2 Apply enterprise recording procedures

T3 Organise resources

T4 Operate ash and dust disposal plant

T5 Apply diagnostic and testing techniques

T6 Identify and respond to abnormal plant operating conditions

T7 Plan and prioritise work

T8 Use relevant hand tools

T9 Communicate effectively

T10 Apply data analysis techniques and tools

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE

9) This provides essential advice for assessment of the competency standard unit and must be read in conjunction with the Performance Criteria and the Range Statement of the competency standard unit and the Training Package Assessment Guidelines. The Evidence Guide forms an integral part of this competency standard unit and shall be used in conjunction with all components parts of this unit and, performed in accordance with the Assessment Guidelines of this Training Package.

Overview of Assessment 9.1)

Longitudinal competency development approaches to assessment, such as Profiling, require data to be reliably gathered in a form that can be consistently interpreted over time. This approach is best utilised in Apprenticeship programs and reduces assessment intervention. It is the Industry's preferred model for apprenticeships. However, where summative (or final) assessment is used it is to include the application of the competency in the normal work environment or, at a minimum, the application of the competency in a realistically simulated work environment. It is recognised that, in some circumstances, assessment in part or full can occur outside the workplace. However, it must be in accord with Industry and, Regulatory policy in this regard.

Methods chosen for a particular assessment will be influenced by various factors. These include the extent of the assessment, the most effective locations for the assessment activities to take place, access to physical resources, additional safety measures that may be required and the critical nature of the competencies being assessed.

The critical safety nature of working with electricity, electrical equipment, gas or any other hazardous substance/material carries risk in deeming a person competent. Hence, sources of evidence need to be 'rich' in nature to minimise error in judgment.

Activities associated with normal every day work have a bearing on the decision as to how much and how detailed the data gathered will contribute to its 'richness'. Some skills are more critical to safety and operational requirements while the same skills may be more or less frequently practised. These points are raised for the assessors to consider when choosing an assessment method and developing assessment instruments. Sample assessment instruments are included for Assessors in the Assessment

Guidelines of this Training Package.

Critical aspects of evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit 9.2)

Before the critical aspects of evidence are considered all pre-requisites shall be met.

Evidence for competence in this unit shall be considered holistically. Each Element and associated Performance Criteria shall be demonstrated on at least two occasions in accordance with the “Assessment Guidelines – UEP12”. Evidence shall also comprise:

- A representative body of work performance demonstrated within the timeframes typically expected of the discipline, work function and industrial environment. In particular this shall incorporate evidence that shows a candidate is able to:
 - Implement Occupational Health and Safety workplace procedures and practices including the use of risk control measures as specified in the Performance Criteria and Range Statement
 - Apply sustainable energy principles and practices as specified in the Performance Criteria and Range Statement
 - Demonstrate an understanding of the Essential Knowledge and Associated Skills as described in 6) Essential Knowledge and Associated Skills of this unit
 - Demonstrate an appropriate level of employability skills
 - Conduct work observing the relevant Anti-Discrimination legislation, regulations, policies and workplace procedures
- Demonstrated performance across a representative range of contexts from the prescribed items below:
 - Knowledge and application of relevant sections of: Occupational, health and safety legislation; Statutory legislation; Enterprise/site safety procedures; Enterprise/site emergency procedures
 - Preparation and planning of work
 - Operation of ash and dust disposal plant
 - Operationally testing plant
 - Analysing plant faults
 - Monitoring plant operation
 - Dealing with an unplanned event by drawing on Essential

Knowledge and Skills to provide appropriate solutions incorporated in the holistic assessment with the above listed items.

Context of and specific resources for assessment **9.3)**

This unit should be assessed as it relates to normal work practice using procedures, information and resources typical of a workplace. This should include:

- OHS policy and work procedures and instructions
- Suitable work environment, facilities, equipment and materials to undertake actual work as prescribed by this competency standard unit

Competency Standards should be assessed in the workplace or simulated workplace and under the normal range of workplace conditions.

Assessment of this unit will be supported with documentary evidence, by means of endorsement stating type and application of work.

In addition to the resources listed above in Context of assessment', evidence should show competency working, in limited spaces, with different types of plant and equipment as well as different structural/construction types and method and in a variety of environments.

Method of assessment **9.4)**

This unit shall be assessed by methods given in Section 1.3.00 Assessment Guidelines.

Note:

Competent performance with inherent safe working practices is expected in the Industry to which this competency standard unit applies. This requires that the specified Essential Knowledge and Associated Skills be assessed in a structured environment, which is primarily intended for learning/assessment and incorporates all necessary equipment and facilities for learners to develop and demonstrate the Essential Knowledge and Skills described in this unit.

**Concurrent
assessment and
relationship with
other units** **9.5)**

There are no recommended concurrent assessments with this unit, however in some cases efficiencies may be gained in terms of learning and assessment effort being concurrently managed with allied competency standard units where listed.

Nil

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT

10) This relates to the competency standard unit as a whole providing the range of contexts and conditions to which the Performance Criteria apply. It allows for different work environments and situations that will affect performance.

Systems, plant and/or equipment may include electrical supply switchboard(s) and transformers; electrical motors; valves; dampers and actuators (electric, hydraulic, manual and pneumatic); lubricating and oil conditioning systems; supervisory, alarm, protection and control equipment; boiler ash/dust hopper and ash/dust extraction equipment; sluiceway and sluiceway equipment; ash crusher; ash and dust slurry pumps; ash, dust and dam water recovery plant; hydraulic power oil unit; dust suppression plant; dams; and transportation systems

Safety standards may include relevant sections of Occupational Health and Safety legislation, enterprise safety rules, relevant state and federal legislation, national standards for plant, Australian standards.

Information and documentation sources may include verbal or written communications; enterprise safety rules documentation; enterprise operating instructions; manufacturer's operational and maintenance manuals; equipment and alarm manuals; dedicated computer equipment; enterprise standing instructions and plant notes; and enterprise log books.

Technical and operational indicators may include stimuli (audio, smell, touch, visual), remote or local indicators and recorders and alarms (visible and or audible).

Communications may be by means of, telephone, two way radio, pager, computer (electronic mail), operating log (written or verbal) and public address system.

Tests may include motor direction checks, stand-by plant tests, and performance tests and pump rotation checks.

Appropriate personnel to consult, give or receive direction may include supervisor/team leader or equivalent, power plant operations personnel, technical and engineering officers or equivalent, maintenance staff, contractor personnel and other production staff.

Test, fault finding and operating tools may include high voltage testers, proving dead equipment, power or hand tools.

Operating environment may be during inclement or otherwise harsh weather conditions, in wet/noisy/dusty/hot areas and during continuous operation.

Faults and abnormal operating conditions may include motor/pump/actuator /valve/dampers failure/malfunctions, control equipment failure/malfunctions, loss of electrical supply to plant and equipment, loss/low cooling air/water, low lubricating/power oil flow to auxiliary plant/equipment, clinker build ups (manual removal), excessive vibration pumps/motors, loss/low ejector water flow, loss of pump gland sealing water, high/low pit levels, blocked sluiceways and blocked/burst lines.

Generic terms are used throughout this Training Package for vocational standard shall be regarded as part of the Range Statement in which competency is demonstrated. The definition of these and other terms are given in Section 2.1 Preliminary Information and Glossaries.

Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.

Competency Field

Competency Field **11)**
Operations