

SHEQ Newsletter

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ISO Standards: 9001; 14001; 18001



International
Organization for
Standardization

Back in July we 'kick-started' the process of attaining ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation) accreditation for the above standards.

An organisation becomes certified to the ISO 9001/14001/18001 standard by developing, documenting, and effectively implementing their quality/environmental/OH&S management systems to meet the requirements of the standard and then successfully completing an audit by a third party registrar.

- ISO 9001 – Quality Management System**
- ISO 14001 – Environmental Management System**
- 18001 – Occupational H&S Management**

Standards are a respected badge of quality

Customers look for the independent verification that technical standards provide. Certification marks earned by businesses whose products and practices consistently stand up to rigorous examination are instantly recognisable and act as respected badges of quality, safety and performance.

Standards allow a company to:

- attract and assure customers
- demonstrate market leadership
- create a competitive advantage
- develop and maintain best practice.



Gatekeeper

Small White

Meadow Brown

The 'big butterfly count' campaign undertaken by the butterfly conservation in association with M&S and supported by Audas reported record number of sightings.

From 24th July - 1st August 2010, a staggering 8,977 people participated across the length and breadth of the UK, from Orkney to Scilly and Fermanagh across to Norfolk. A breathtaking 189,000 individual butterflies and moths were counted making this the biggest ever weekly count of butterflies anywhere in the world!

The Small White was the most common butterfly overall, very closely followed by the Large White and the Gatekeeper. It was a very close race for the top spot. Nearly half (47%) of all the butterflies and moths counted belonged to these three species! Visit www.bigbutterflycount.org for further details.

The Big Butterfly Count has been brought to you by:



Butterfly Conservation
Saving butterflies, moths and our environment



YOUR M&S
marksandspencer.com/PlansA

QUALITY & STAKEHOLDER REQUIREMENTS

As some of you may be aware our Directors attended a M&S workshop on the 6 August & 3 September for contractors, consultants and their own internal team to reiterate and remind everybody of their obligations with regards to compliance.

M&S stressed a zero tolerance for non compliance and future work allocations will reflect whether a company has been compliant or not. So the message is clear we too need to adopt a zero tolerance and ensure we and our supply chains are fully compliant with our client's requirements.

Our directors delivered a presentation on how Audas ensures compliancy as a result of all the collective hard work. This was well received by our client - Audas have come a long way in the last 3years but we need to continue raising the bar to ensure we have an advantage over our competitors.

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Average
- Poor

Health & Safety

Safety Fears Halt Work at Construction Sites



All over the North East construction work has been put on hold after an intense inspection drive was started to put a stop on dangerous procedures on work sites.

The inspection drive started by the Health and Safety Executive was aimed at increasing levels of safety, focussing on roofing and refurbishment work. Sites from Teesside to Northumberland

were visited by inspectors to generate awareness about safety risks at construction sites and preventing avoidable injuries and fatal accidents.

The HSE inspectors conducted surprise visits on 39 sites and 77 contractors in the region. Work had to be topped at many building sites after Prohibition Notices totalling 9 in number were issued to stop work after concerns were raised about safety of workers working at a height. Also, 9 Improvement Notices were issued to different contractors.

This was the third time when such an initiative was taken up by HSE Inspectors and unannounced visits were conducted on the refurbishment industry. John McGill, HSE Inspector said that some workers become victims of untimely deaths every year in the construction industry. The largest safety concern remains that of working at height, because it is one of the greatest cause of accidents at workplaces and accidental tripping or slipping is also very common.

As you can see from the article above HSE inspectors are targeting refurbishment and focussing in on working at height and slips, trips falls. It is important that we pay particular attention to these areas as they are the biggest causes of work place accidents.

Construction Safety & Health Awareness Day

(16 September 2010)



Five members of the Audas team attended a Construction Safety & Health Awareness Day at Haydock Racecourse on the 16th September organised by the 'Working Well Together' campaign.

The event was received very well, featuring presentations and practical demonstrations on Asbestos; Fire Safety and Working at Height.

As an outcome of the event, Audas will shortly be reviewing their current fire safety procedures over the coming weeks.

Health Assessments



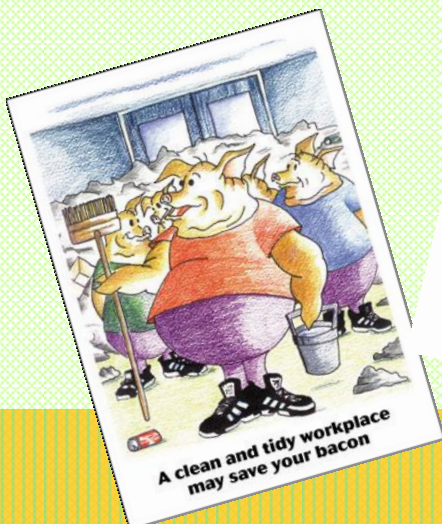
Throughout August, health assessments were undertaken on all Audas employees. Health checks included: weight; blood pressure; heart rate; lung capacity;

Cholesterol; and BMI. Findings reported by Derek Robertson, Director of Plural Uk indicated "areas of excellent overall health for the most and a few areas of enrichment/development for the minority". Furthermore: "The directors of AUDAS care about their employees. They are of the belief that a well motivated, empowered workforce will prove to be more creative and confident in making better measured decisions and ownership of the outcome. AUDAS is like a large family unit and has adopted new occupational health initiatives which will create positive change and outcomes with a view to establishing a sustainable competitive advantage over its competitors". www.plural.uk.com

HSE VISIT AT M&S SIMPLY FOODS, THURMASTON

An HSE inspector visited site on 20 August 2010. Other than a couple of observations, the inspector was impressed with the overall H&S good practices installed by Audas; compliance cabinet; step ladder ban; PPE etc etc.

The points noted were: closing of podium gate when in use; consideration of ventilation in confined spaces; hazard tape on step edge.



"All I'm saying is you should cut down a bit"



FSC & Waste

Waste To Energy



Last month our Environmental Manager, together with Derek Howell from Severnside, visited two waste recycling centres – one of them being ASH Waste Services at Bretton, Flintshire. (ASH were the service providers for our Warrington project and are currently operational for the M&S Simply Foods project at Congleton).

As a result of our visit and discussions with ASH Waste Services we were offered a 'waste to energy' service (via Orchid Environmental Ltd) for both the Warrington & Congleton projects. Consequently we are able to report 100% waste recycling figures for both the above projects from the onset of this service.

Orchid has the technology to recover forms of natural energy resources from rubbish and form renewable energy that can be used as an alternative to fossil fuels.



They produce a range of sustainable fuels from materials that have traditionally been sent to landfill. These alternative fuels can be used to produce renewable electricity, green heat and sustainable road transport fuels.

This helps to decarbonise the environment by reducing our dependence on coal, crude oil and natural gas.

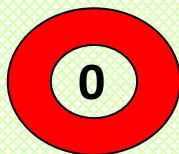
www.orchid-environmental.co.uk

Incident Reporting 2nd Quarter April-June

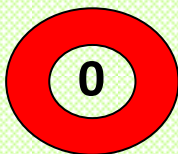
During the 2nd Quarter of 2010, there were **0 accidents**.



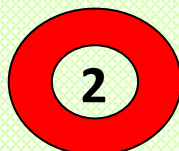
9 Non-Conformances Issued



0 Refusals to Site



0 Near Misses



2 Non-Conforming Method/Risk Assessments

Waste Recycling Figures 2nd Quarter April-June

The table below includes the waste recycling figures for the period April-June, in addition to the total cumulative figures for the 1st half of 2010

	Total Tonnage		
	Total tonnage (exc haz)	Total recycled	% recycled
Jan to March	241.57	215.7	89%
Apr to June	53.5	46.89	88%
2010 Total	295.07	262.59	89%

As you can see, the total recycling rate for the April to June period was a fantastic **88%**, giving us a total rate for all waste recycling for the first half of 2010 of **89%**.

FSC Timber Figures - 2nd Quarter April-June

Our average FSC figure for the 2nd quarter of 2010 **91%**

Our average FSC figure for the first half of 2010 is **94%**

Our figures for the third quarter (Jul-Sep) will be published mid October. It is anticipated we will then achieve a cumulative target of at least 95% ensuring compliancy with our client's requirement and target for FSC timber.

FSC Friday - 24 September

Did You Know? You can show your support of FSC Friday 2010 by adding a sticker to your Facebook profile picture - called a "Twibbon". Get the sticker and show your support now at

<http://twb.ly/duKwWU>



What's New?

CCS Performance Beyond Compliance

During July, Warrington Golden Square was visited by one of the Considerate Constructor Scheme's site monitors. The result of the visit was a fantastic one, with Andy Martin and the team being awarded a certificate of 'Performance Beyond Compliance'. The accolade was achieved as the site scored at least four points in the following eight sections of the Scheme's Site Code of Considerate Practice:

Accountable
Cleanliness
Considerate
Environment
Good Neighbour
Respectful
Responsible
Safe



And.....

Hot Off the Press!



Breaking News

At the time of going to press the outcome of the CCS site monitor's report was received for our Thurmaston project which revealed an impressive score of 35 which is the highest score for us

as a business so far.

The date for a CCS site visit has also been set for our Congleton M&S Simply Foods project so watch this space!

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

'AUDAS DAY'

24TH November 2010

BUPA Great Manchester

Run 2011



On Sunday 15th May 2011, the annual BUPA Great Manchester Run will take place - a 10km run through the streets of Manchester City Centre. As part of Plan A, M&S are working with The Prostate Cancer Charity to increase awareness about the disease and raise funds for support, research, information and campaigning



Audas are proposing to enter a team of runners to run the course with all sponsorship money raised being donated to the Prostate Cancer Charity. Anybody interested in taking part should register their interest with Dan in the next few weeks, so that arrangements can be made to register for the race.

More information on the Prostate Cancer Charity can be found at <http://www.prostate-cancer.org.uk>. For race specific information visit <http://www.greatrun.org/Events/Event.aspx?id=4>.

Forthcoming Training



Over the next few months, a number of Audas personnel will be undertaking training courses or sitting examinations.

Lindsay Bowker will begin a NEBOSH National Certificate in Environmental Management at Wirral College in October. The course is designed to provide a sound foundation in environmental management knowledge and practice. The course focuses on UK environmental laws and International management systems, such as ISO 14001.

Dan McCarthy will be starting a HNC Construction/Property course at Salford University in September. The course is designed to provide a broader knowledge of all Construction aspects and will run for two years on a part time basis.

Phil Brown will be attending a high value leadership programme entitled LEAD in September and October. The programme is aimed at small business owners to help maximise their potential.

Elsewhere, Martin O'Donovan will be completing the final assessment for his RICS accreditation in November, and Rose Walton will be sitting the Construction Skills Health & Safety test.