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POEMS – Environmental Management Procedure (EMP) 04 and 05 update and transition

When it takes effect:	Immediately
Valid for:	Until rescinded
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Description

1. This SEB announces the publication of POEMS EMP 04 - 'Environmental Impact Screening and Scoping' at version 4.0.
2. EMP04 has undergone substantial updates to amend criteria for prioritising environmental impacts. The update enables greater resolution of priorities by weighing environmental significance against other key legislative and practical considerations, ensuring implementation of the most effective environmental management solutions.
3. The updates have resulted in EMP04 - 'Screening and Scoping' and EMP05 - 'Impact priority Evaluation' at version 3.3 being merged and developed into EMP04 v4.0. EMP05 v3.3 has been removed. Full details of the changes can be found in the supporting POEMS transition document.
4. No additional guidance has been added to or removed from the other EMPs. Existing links from other areas of ASEMS have been amended to refer to EMP04 where appropriate.
5. The updated EMP04 is available now at <https://www.asems.mod.uk/>.
6. EMP04 and EMP05 v3.3 are obsolescent and will be made obsolete on 31 August 21. It is expected that, for many areas, the transition between complying with EMP04 and EMP05 v3.3 and EMP04 v4.0 will not be immediate. Delivery Teams (DTs) may continue using EMP04 and EMP05 at version 3.3 until 31 August 2021 or until the review point for the Environmental Management Plan (EMP); whichever is sooner. Copies of EMP04 and EMP05 version 3.3 have been removed from the ASEMS website to reflect the update in DE&S instructions; however, PDF copies are available on request from the Quality, Safety & Environmental Protection (QSEP) team by emailing Antony.Williams317@mod.gov.uk

Actions to be taken

1. Cascade as appropriate.

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