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Update to Policy Clause 5.9 Specialist Advice	
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Description

This SEB announces the additional wording to Policy Clause 5.9 – Specialist Advice (originally announced through [SEB 040](#)). This update comes into effect immediately.

Background

SEB 049

Following the Sheldon report and linkage to Recommendation 4, an additional wording to [Policy Clause 5.9 Specialist Advice](#) was defined.

“ Delivery Teams or equivalents shall ensure that all specialist advice (including guidance/ recommendations from industry and Independent Safety and Environmental Advisors) is documented and is formally reviewed by the Project Safety Committee; the review outcome shall be recorded and endorsed by the individual with formally delegated authority. *Additionally, the Executive Safety Responsible is to ensure that the Senior Responsible Owner is informed if any appropriate specialist advice/guidance is not followed.*

- Policy Clause 5.9 Specialist Advice

SEB 040

Following the AJAX review and Recommendation 7 it was recognised that a new Policy Clause and new guidance were needed on ASEMS to ensure that the correct actions are taken on receipt of specialist advice being received and where the decision has been made not to follow this specialist advice. Wording for the new Policy Clause and associate guidance has been agreed at the ASSG.

Headline changes were:

- New Policy Clause 5.9 – Specialist advice, has been added to Part 1/Policy/Clause Section 5 – Risk Management.
- Two new paragraphs of guidance have been added to [SMP12](#) under Section 12.2/Procedure at 12.2.18 with the heading Considering Specialist Advice.

Actions to be taken

1. [For cascading as appropriate]

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