

DE&S SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT BULLETIN (SEB)

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Keeping our Safety and Environmental Practitioners informed

Use of best practical environmental option in acquisition environmental management	
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This SEB has been produced to provide clarity on how the best practical environmental option is to be addressed within DE&S's acquisition environmental management arrangements.

1. The overarching objective to minimise adverse effects on the environment, and/or implement the best practicable environmental options, has been set out in elements of Defence Policy and Defence Regulations. Within DE&S's acquisition activities 'Sound Environmental Performance' [1] will be used as the means to determine if Products, Systems and Services (PSS) meet this overarching objective.
2. Accordingly, DE&S will continue to use the four environmental outcomes defined as the measures of success for 'Sound Environmental Performance' within Leaflet 18/2023 [1] to:
 - a. support professional judgement during acquisition environmental management activities relating to PSS;
 - b. provide a clear and consistent framework within which individuals can exercise and discharge their environmental responsibilities when supporting DE&S to fulfil this overarching objective; and
 - c. provide consistency and continuity for environmental governance and assurance activities.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

3. Cascade as appropriate.

4. No further action required. Environmental management activities undertaken by, and on behalf of, DE&S are to be delivered within the extant DE&S Policy, Guidance and Assurance laid out within the ASEMS (Acquisition Safety and Environmental Management System) [2], where the overarching goal is to ensure 'PSS delivers Sound Environmental Performance' (see Leaflet 18/2023 for further details).

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REFERENCES:

- 1 DE&S Safety and Environmental Protection (S&EP) Leaflet 18/2023: Delivering Sound Environmental Performance in DE&S Acquisition, Version: 1.0, Date of Issue: August 2023 - [20230825 - S&EP Leaflet 18 2023 - O.pdf \(mod.uk\)](#)
- 2 Acquisition Safety & Environmental Management System (ASEMS) - [Welcome to ASEMS Online | ASEMS Online \(mod.uk\)](#)