

JOHANNESBURG WATER (SOC) LTD

MEDICAL SCREENING POLICY

**JW 14446: PANEL OF CONTRACTORS FOR
PROVISION OF BASIC WATER SERVICES AS AND
WHEN REQUIRED BASIS FOR 36 MONTHS UNDER
A FRAMEWORK CONTRACT**

NOTICE

It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that medical surveillance requirements specified in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (85/1993) and Regulations and any other applicable legal and Johannesburg Water's requirements are fully complied with.

This document is meant to facilitate the Contractor's compliance to applicable requirements and does not replace the applicable legal requirements.

This document may be revised at any time to include applicable legal requirements not currently included that may come to the attention of Johannesburg Water in future. The Contractor will accordingly be responsible to comply with the revised requirements as might be necessary.

Where methods to ensure legal compliance have been specified in this document, Contractors may submit alternative detailed method statements for consideration and approval by Johannesburg Water. Johannesburg Water may, at its sole discretion, reject or accept such alternative methods.

1 PURPOSE OF THE MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS PROCEDURE

The purpose of this Medical Surveillance Requirements Procedure is to facilitate the achievement of legal compliance relating to medical surveillance by all Consultants, Contractors, Subcontractors and suppliers that will be working on the Johannesburg Water project and to ensure that employees are fit to work in the roles that they have been employed to execute and remain so for their duration on the project site.

This document represents the minimum requirements for medical surveillance and does not replace applicable legal requirements.

2 MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE OBJECTIVES

The Johannesburg Water main objectives for medical surveillance are:

- a) To ensure compliance with all applicable medical surveillance legal requirements.
- b) To ensure compliance with all Johannesburg Water's requirements regarding medical surveillance.
- c) To ensure that employees are fit to execute the work for which they have been employed.
- d) To prevent employees from acquiring occupational diseases or illnesses.
- e) To ensure early detection and treatment of occupational diseases and to prevent the aggravation of existing medical conditions.
- f) To ensure that employees on departure from the project have not contracted any occupational diseases and to enable any such condition that arises to be suitably addressed.

All contractors are required to demonstrate total commitment towards the achievement of these objectives.

3 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 The Principal Contractor shall ensure that a medical surveillance programme is implemented for all employees.
- 3.2 An initial health evaluation shall be carried out by an occupational health practitioner immediately after a person commences employment, where any exposure exists or may exist, which comprises:
- an evaluation of the employees medical and occupational history;
 - a physical examination; and
 - any other essential examination which in the opinion of the occupational health practitioner is desirable in order to enable the practitioner to do a proper evaluation.
- 3.3 Medical surveillance & Immunization shall be done accredited institutions or occupational health doctor, including, but not limited to:
- a) Audiograms.
 - b) A cardio-respiratory examination, including full size chest x-rays (If lung function tests are abnormal)
 - c) Lung function tests.
 - d) Eye/ sight tests.
 - e) A general physical examination.
 - f) A review of previous medical history.
 - g) Blood pressure tests
 - h) Glucose tests

Copies of all medical certificates shall be submitted to the Johannesburg Water Safety Specialist or Appointed OHS Agent to prior to site establishment and before an employee is allowed to come onto site.

Specific attention shall be given to the physical and psychological fitness of people who will be required to work in elevated positions and operators of mobile machinery.

An exit medical certificate shall be obtained for all workers at the end of the contract and for all ~~workers who leave the employment of the Contractor before the end of the Project. Copies of all~~
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exit medical certificates shall be submitted to the Johannesburg Water Safety Specialist or Appointed OHS Agent.

Medical surveillance shall address all occupational health risks to which the employee is exposed, identified through the risk assessment referred to in section 4 below.

Retention monies will be withheld if the exit medical is not complete for all employees.

The cost of all medical examinations will be borne by the Contractor as provision is made on the bill of quantities.

4 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The Contractor shall conduct an occupational health risk assessment prior to site establishment.

4.2 The Contractor shall ensure that, as far as is reasonably practicable, ergonomic related hazards are analyzed, evaluated and addressed in the risk assessment.

4.3 The methodology used by the contractor to assess occupational health risks associated with their activities shall be submitted to Johannesburg Water for approval by the Johannesburg Water Safety Specialist or Appointed OHS Agent prior to site establishment. The methodology should take the following into consideration, among others:

- a) Legal requirements.
- b) Normal activities undertaken by the contractor.
- c) Abnormal situations (e.g. unanticipated breakdown of equipment etc).
- d) Emergency situations (e.g. fires, exposure to chemicals).
- e) Changes in work procedures and methods.
- f) Previous experience.

4.4 A risk register that will include the following shall be submitted to the Johannesburg Water Safety Specialist or Appointed OHS Agent before site establishment.

- ~~a) All occupational health risks identified during the occupational health risk assessment.~~

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- b) A list of the occupational health risks that have been identified as being significant.
 - c) Reference to the method statements, measures or procedures that will be followed to either eliminate or reduce the significant risks to tolerable levels.

4.5 The Contractor shall, in writing, clearly explain how each occupational health risk assessed to be significant will be addressed to eliminate or reduce it to a tolerable level and submit it for approval by the Johannesburg Water Safety Specialist or Appointed OHS Agent before site establishment. This may be through method statements or written operational control procedures. Associated responsibilities and authorities shall be clearly defined. All method statements shall reflect at least:

- a) When the activities relating to the method statement will be conducted (timing).
- b) Materials to be used.
- c) Equipment and staffing requirements.
- d) The proposed construction procedure designed to implement the relevant requirements.
- e) The system to be implemented to ensure compliance with the method statement.
- f) Any other information deemed to be necessary by the Johannesburg Water Safety Specialist or Appointed OHS Agent and/or the contractor's responsible person.

4.6 For significant occupational health risks identified after site establishment, method statements shall be submitted to the Johannesburg Water Project Specialist or Appointed OHS Agent at least 10 working days before the start of the associated activity, when possible.

4.7 All changes to approved method statements or procedures shall be approved in writing by the Johannesburg Water Safety Specialist or Appointed OHS Agent.

4.8 The contractor's Responsible Person shall retain records of any amendments and shall ensure that only the most current approved version of any method statement or procedure is used.

4.9 Every occupational health risk that is identified during the risk assessment process shall be conveyed to every employee whose work is associated with the risk. This may be done in the form of a toolbox talk but does not replace the toolbox talk entirely. Each employee shall sign to ~~confirm an understanding of the occupational health risks in the tasks.~~

- 4.10 Occupational health risk assessments may be combined with safety and environmental risk assessments, but the consideration of occupational health issues shall be clearly reflected in the records generated and maintained.
- 4.11 The occupational health risk assessment process and effective implementation of measures to eliminate or reduce identified risks is the responsibility of the Contractor. Johannesburg Water will closely monitor the effectiveness of implemented measures.

Acknowledgement of JW Medical Screening Policy

Name of Contractor

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I have obtained copies of JW Medical Screening Policy and confirm that I fully understand them and the consequences of non-compliance.

Signed at on this Day of 20.....

Signature of Contractor / Mandatory

Date

Signature of 16.2 / Construction Manager

Date

Witness 1

Witness 2