Site Contamination Certification Update Statement

Transition to a single certification scheme

Following earlier agreement on a Principles and Issues paper (Appendix 1), the CEnvP, EIANZ and CRC CARE Boards have agreed to:

- **Thank the Contamination Certification Transition Working Group** (WG) for its efforts and recommendations;
- **Support** implementation of a single site contamination certification scheme, operating as one of the specialist categories under the CEnvP Scheme for Australia and New Zealand, with amendments in response to WG recommendations; and
- **Support** the CEnvP Board making arrangements for the transition of existing Australian CP-SAMs (Certified Practitioners - Site Contamination and Management)\(^1\) to the amended CEnvP scheme.

The key amendments to the existing CEnvP (Contaminated Land) scheme include:

a. the scheme will be known as CEnvP (Site Contamination), hereinafter referred to as CEnvP(SC);
b. The competencies assessed will be as listed in Appendix 2, based on NEPM and structured in levels similar to the existing SCPA Scheme;
c. The EIANZ Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct will be adopted\(^3\), with the addition of one SCPA clause specific to site contamination specialists (regarding use of a seal, to be issued to CEnvP-SCs), as a signed commitment at certification and recertification stages;
d. Prerequisite education for CEnvP(SC) will be an engineering, science or environment-related degree;
e. Prerequisite experience will include a minimum of 8 years in contaminated site practice;
f. An electronic seal, unique to each currently certified practitioner (for affixing to documents as required for formal lodgement), will be provided at certification to each CEnvP(SC);
g. Current CP-SAMs will be transitioned across to be certified as both 'standard' CEnvP and specialist CEnvP(SC), with no further application or testing, apart from a requirement for each practitioner to lodge a 2-page discussion paper on Ethics, addressing the application of the EIANZ Code of Ethics and renewing their commitment to ethical use of the electronic seal, prior to issue of new CEnvP certificates;\(^2\)
h. The existing processes for reviewing site contamination specialist applications will be expanded beyond membership of the CEnvP Board to include members of the proposed SEAC [see (i) below];
i. The CEnvP Scheme will establish a Specialist Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC - Site Contamination) for the purpose of making recommendations to the CEnvP Board concerning standards, Registrars and Convenors for the CEnvP (CL) specialist certification. The membership of the SEAC may include representatives from industry bodies outside of CEnvP and EIANZ. Members of the SEAC will be appointed by the CEnvP Board;
j. The CEnvP Board, in consultation with the EIANZ Board, will establish a CEnvP (CL) Implementation Working Group, with representation from the same organisations represented on the WG, plus at least one New Zealand practitioner, along with individuals with responsibility for scheme management and application assessment (i.e. the CEnvP Program Manager, Scheme Registrars or members of the SEAC-Site Contamination, as required).

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1 established and managed by SCPA (Site Contamination Practitioners Australia) with support from CRC-CARE.

2 As CEnvP(SC) is a specialist certification, new applicants must firstly hold standard CEnvP certification (requiring a minimum of 5 years practice experience), or make a combined application for both standard and specialist certification, with a single interview. Applicants for standard CEnvP are required to demonstrate at interview an understanding of the ethical basis for professional environmental practice.

NOTE: CEnvP applications are not restricted to EIANZ members.

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