



SHEQ UPDATE

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KEY SUPPLY CHAIN

INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to our 2023 Q1 SHEQ Update.

Featured in this edition, all the GEDA sites without any accidents or incidents from Jul – Dec 2022. This award was really well received with many sites being recognised for their positive SHEQ performance.

We have also worked closely with our supply chain and client in Co Cork to reinforce health and safety matters. This was very positively received by everyone in attendance at site, and at our Behavioural Safety event.

Please circulate this SHEQ Update amongst your teams to keep them informed.

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Ravenhill site achieved 500 days without accident or incident, and celebrated a 44/45 Considerate Constructors Scheme score!

Congratulations to the entire site team at our Ravenhill Flood Alleviation Scheme. NI Water recognised 500 days without accident or incident, and December's CCS audit resulted in a score of 44/45!



CEF Safety Reboot 2023

Team GEDA got involved with CEF's 2023 Safety Reboot. The team at Knock Road focused on pollution reduction on site, and the QUB team focused on working at height and respirable crystalline silica during their Toolbox Talk sessions.



ISO Re-certification

Last month rounded off auditing season at GEDA, and all ISO qualifications were maintained with zero non-conformances. We would like to thank and congratulate the entire GEDA team!



Uisce Éireann Safety Alert

Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water) recently issued a safety alert regarding a fatal accident in Co Kerry in January. You can read the full safety alert here.



SAFETY ALERT

Transportation, Loading & Unloading Activities
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1. What Happened?

A delivery driver had a fatal accident during the unloading of a pipe from a vehicle on a contractor site in Co. Kerry on 16th January 2023.

2. Immediate Actions

The incident is currently under investigation by the Health & Safety Authority.

3. Further Actions

It is important to Uisce Éireann that all Local Authorities and Delivery Partners continue to put health and safety at the forefront of all operations they undertake on behalf of Uisce Éireann. Given the incident that arose Local Authorities and Delivery Partners should complete an urgent review of all lifting operations and procedures (including the management of transportation/loading/unloading/storage) to satisfy themselves that adequate controls are in place to ensure the safety and welfare of all operatives and members of the public.

In order to assist you, set out below are some non-exhaustive points you may wish to consider when undertaking your review:

- that loading/unloading activities are properly planned and supervised.
- consider accessibility and offload capacity of delivery location (may require restricting the size of vehicle allowed to site).
- consider whether there is a suitable working space for all vehicles/ machinery on site.
- that there is compliance with use of access/egress routes/traffic management controls/systems.
- PPE requirements.
- that a suitable selection process is in place for the selection of lifting equipment.
- it may be appropriate to provide exclusion zones for machinery/vehicles and personnel. Where physical exclusion zones cannot be provided, you should seek to implement a system to manage interaction between plant and personnel.
- the development and enforcement of an appropriate delivery procedure.
- competent personnel are completing the required daily vehicle/equipment checks and inspections as per individual site procedures.

Behavioural Safety Stand Down on Site

We hosted a Plant Safety event at our Irish Water site in Midleton, Co Cork.

The event focused on plant exclusion zones.

GEDA's SHEQ Officer held a practical toolbox talk showing everyone where blind spots are on machines. This demonstrated the importance of ensuring the driver and/or spotter are aware that you are there, and not moving until you have got the go ahead.



Behavioural Safety Event in Midleton Hotel

We hosted a Behavioural Safety event at the Midleton Park Hotel in Cork recently.

We welcomed our client Uisce Éireann (Irish Water), alongside subcontractors who work with us on our Growth and Development Framework.

Huge thanks to our guest speaker James (Jimmy) Gorry for an insightful recollection of his personal experiences, highlighting the importance of safety on-site and mental health awareness.

We were really encouraged by the positive feedback from this worthwhile event and would like to thank everyone involved.



GEDA sites achieve Excellence in Safety awards

Over the past month, GEDA SHEQ Officers have been busy distributing award certificates for sites that have achieved no accident or incident in the last 6 months.

Congratulations to all sites who have had an accident/incident free site for the last 6 months of 2022.



We are always looking for supply chain members to work on our contracts.

Particularly in -

- East Midlands of England
- Munster, Dublin & Meath in Ireland
- All of Northern Ireland

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