

The Asbestos in Soil and Construction & Demolition Materials **Joint Industry Working Group (JIWG)** for short) was established in November 2011 after **The Environmental Industries Commission (EIC)** and **Contaminated Land: Applications in Real Environments (CL:AIRE)** formally joined forces and then invited a wide range of both private and public sector organisations that are all looking to work together to meet the challenges posed by asbestos in soil.

The Joint Industry Working Group (JIWG), Environment Agency and Health and Safety Executive have agreed to work together to bring clarification on a number of key regulatory and guidance issues that will help underpin the development of the industry code of practice for asbestos in soil, construction and demolition materials. This work will help clarify a number of important issues relating to the application of some of the legislation as it is currently being applied to the regulation of asbestos in soil, construction and demolition materials.

As part of this work programme the JIWG has launched two decision support tools. They are:

1. Categorisation of Work Activities involving Asbestos in Soil and Construction & Demolition Materials in accordance with the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012, and
2. Qualitative Risk Ranking of Work Activities and Receptors Involved in or Exposed to Asbestos in Soil and Construction & Demolition Materials

These tools have been made freely available to industry practitioners in BETA format for the purpose of trialling their use on real-life situations.

The JIWG have invited feedback from users on these versions on their applicability and validity to the wide range of scenarios that may be encountered when assessing the potential risk from and asbestos licensing status of work with asbestos and asbestos-containing materials in the ground.

You can download these tools, and access the CL:AIRE asbestos-in-soils topic pages, using the links below. Please note the links take you outside the Envirogard website and are provided for information purposes only.

1. **Decision Support Tool for the Categorisation of Work Activities Involving Asbestos in Soil and Construction & Demolition Materials in accordance with the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012: BETA Version January 2016**

This spreadsheet tool provides the user with a decision support platform designed by the JIWG to assist in the categorisation of work with asbestos under CAR 2012, and supports the JIWG Industry Guidance on the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 Interpretation for Managing and Working with Asbestos in Soil and Construction & Demolition Materials (2016 - currently in review stage). The spreadsheet should be used in conjunction with the guidance in this publication.

2. **Decision Support Tool for the Qualitative Risk Ranking of Work Activities and Receptors Involved in or Exposed to Asbestos in Soil and Construction & Demolition Materials - BETA Version January 2016**

This spreadsheet tool provides the user with a decision support platform designed by the JIWG to assist in the risk-rank activities and receptors as part of a preliminary risk assessment under CLR11. The aim of developing this tool is to provide industry with a consistent decision making format that is aligned with UK health & safety and environmental regulatory policies, and is consistent with the wider objectives of the JIWG.

These tools can be accessed from the CL:AIRE website by clicking the following link:

http://www.claire.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=549:asbestos&catid=11&Itemid=137&showall=&limitstart=1

and then selecting the tool you wish to download. Note: the files are in xlsx format (xls with macros) and have been compressed as a zip file. Please unzip before use. The files work with Excel 2010 onwards for PC.

Please provide any feedback about these tools to Nicola Harries: nicola.harries@claire.co.uk. You can also access the general asbestos-in-soils topic area of the CL:AIRE website by clicking the following link:

http://www.claire.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=549:asbestos&catid=11&Itemid=137&showall=&limitstart=

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