

SITE MAIN CONTROLLER & SITE INCIDENT CONTROLLER

What is the problem we are solving?

Leaders with accountability for establishments designated under the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015 (COMAH) clearly want to comply with the regulations and guidance; and have appropriate risk management in place to protect their business interests.

Our experience is that many COMAH establishments fail to comply fully with a key element of The Regulations and associated Guidance (L111 and HSG191). The competent authority (HSE) identifies two mandatory roles for COMAH sites, each with a defined set of competencies: The Site Main Controller (SMC) and Site Incident Controller (SIC).

What makes the difference?

We believe compliance is good for business risk management as well as satisfying the regulator. In fact, if establishments are going to comply, they might as well ensure good practice at little or no extra cost. We believe in an evidence-based approach, using competencies extracted from The Regulations and Guidance. We believe in competence development, which involves far more than just transfer of information; and we believe in gaining assurance on competence through assessment under realistic conditions.

How does our solution achieve this?

We take a lesson from other regulated industries: in the UK Oil & Gas industry, supported by OPITO, operators are required to establish and maintain emergency management competence of Offshore Installation Managers (OIM). Using similar principles and methodologies, we have teamed with JOIFF, the Organisation for Emergency Services Management, to provide accredited training and assessment for key COMAH roles, including SMC and SIC.

Contact us on opportunities@eddistone.com to discuss how we can help you.



What do SMC & SIC training sessions look like?

Before training we work with you to identify key personnel to fill the SMC and SIC roles and we schedule attendance on our courses to cause minimum disruption to your operations.

Over three days (two for SIC) candidates cover principles and practice of a syllabus including hazard, risk and emergency management. In the UK, they cover liaison with the emergency services, including exposure to Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles (JESIP) and the Joint Decision Model (JDM). The final part is practical assessment, based on your specific site risks and the defined competencies for the SMC or SIC role. Candidates pass or fail this assessment.

We then collate assessment information and feedback a report with quantitative and qualitative data. We document observations, comments and recommendations that enable you to plan follow up work.

What are the benefits?

LEADING EDGE

Using this approach puts you at the leading edge of emergency management. You will be using a tried and tested, best practice process and it will be delivered by experienced practitioners. Our product draws on the best of related industry and emergency services best practices.

RELEVANT

All our trainers have recent, relevant experience of emergency management in the public and private sectors. They are all familiar with your industry and have instant credibility with your workforce. They are formally trained trainers and they are passionate about competence development.

AUTHORITATIVE

Subject matter in our review is aligned with COMAH Regulations 2015, Guidance on COMAH (L111) and Emergency Planning for Major Accidents (HSG191). It is accredited by JOIFF, the Organisation for Emergency Services Management, which routinely audits Eddystone Consulting Ltd.

ASSESSED

We provide an evidence-based assessment, as required by our accrediting body, resulting in a pass or fail outcome for candidates. This gives you the assurance that your organisation has invested in your key people's competence. You have a defensible position.