

UPDATE STOW SURVEILLANCE AUDITS

The STOW Implementation Board wishes to remind contractors that effective February 2021, we commenced Surveillance Audits on STOW certified companies. This is a part of our continuous improvement process to ensure that certified companies are maintaining their HSE management systems during the period of certification.

Surveillance Audits will be conducted at the six-month interval for certified companies who were awarded certification for 1 year and at the one-year interval for companies who were awarded certification for 2 years. The Board has set specific criteria for which companies would be selected for surveillance audits during their period of certification as follows:

- High risk companies with 10 or more non-conformances cited at their last certification audit.
- Evidence of non-closure of legislative non-conformances at their last certification audit.
- Repeated legislative non-conformances over multiple certification audits.

Companies that do not fall into the above category may also be asked to undergo a surveillance audit following:

- Incidents/ accidents in the public domain which are brought to the attention of the STOW Implementation Board.
- Complaints received from operating companies on the HSE performance of a STOW certified contractor.

Companies will be required to provide access to all sites and documentation for surveillance purposes. Depending on the outcome of the audit, a decision may be taken to maintain, suspend or withdraw certification. Refusal to comply with the requirements to conduct a surveillance audit can result in suspension or withdrawal of certification.

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