

TANK CLEANERS QUESTIONNAIRE

ASPECTS THAT NEED TO BE CONSIDERED:

Before any tank can be cleaned, it usually has to be certified safe and gas free. Who is responsible for this and what qualifications do they have?

Tanks can contain a variety of chemicals, oils and solvents etc. Each need a different cleaning approach &/or chemical to clean them. Who decides what to use and how? (e.g., how do they know how to assess/know the chemical reactions of the various substances?)

How are the residues of cleaning agents removed/disposed of?

Often the principal is well versed in such work (qualified in chemistry etc.) However, what about the employees? Who supervises them and how? What about labour—only sub-contractors?

Breathing apparatus – who decides when to be worn? Who is responsible for checking the equipment? What experience and qualifications do they have?

Where are the lines of responsibility drawn between the customer and the cleaning company?

A copy of a “Method Statement” is required. This must set out the criteria for the job, state the certification process & responsibilities; who will empty the tank; how is it decided the “job is done”, (i.e., what does clean mean?); who by and how are any residues removed?

Please provide full details of each customer in terms of nature of work done, where and any known exposures.

Date:

Signed:

Position:

This form must be signed by an authorised representative of the company such as a Partner, Director or Company Secretary