

USSL Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment No		47		Activity		Leptospirosis (Weils Disease)		Locations		Site Works	
Assessment Undertaken by		M. Watson		Assessment Date		Jun-17		Review Date		1/6/18	
Risk Ratings											
Persons at risk (PAR)		Severity / Harm Rating (S)				Likelihood (L)					
E	Employees / Contractors	1	Negligible injury or no injury			1	Extremely unlikely to occur at any time				
P	Members of Public	2	Minor injury requiring First Aid			2	A rare combination of factors would be required for an incident to occur				
V	Visitors	3	Lost time injury			3	Could happen, but considered unlikely under normal circumstances				
C	Clients	4	Single serious injury or single death			4	Not certain, but an additional factor may result in an incident				
		5	Multiple deaths and or serious injuries			5	Almost inevitable that an incident will result - Highly likely to occur				
Tolerance rating											
15 - 25		DANGER - Task/activity should not proceed. Further control measures are to be put in place to reduce risk. When in place the level of risk should be re-assessed for adequacy before the work recommences.									
7 - 14		SIGNIFICANT RISK is attached to this task/activity. Look critically at ways of reducing the level of risk to a more tolerable level by improving existing control measures or by introducing new controls.									
1 - 6		TOLERABLE RISK - Consider if risk is "as low as reasonably practicable"; If not try to reduce risk further by improving control measures. Keep under review and continue with task/activity, but with caution									
NB. Full PPE will be utilised as a matter of course during any works undertaken											
Initial Assessment No controls						Risk Mitigation Measures					
Item No	Hazard Identification	PAR	S	L	Score	Control Measures	S	L	Revised Score	Risk Acceptable	
1	Contraction of Leptospirosis (Weils Disease) through: Cuts and scratches; The lining of the mouth, throat and eyes after contact with infected Rat urine or contaminated water e.g. sewers, ditches, ponds and slow moving rivers Contact with contaminated soil	E	4	4	16	Coverall all open cuts/abrasions with waterproof dressings. Wash hands before eating, drinking or smoking. Operatives should wash all areas of exposed skin at end of shift. If there are indications that rats are, or have been present e.g. nesting in a telecom jointing chamber or manhole, stop work and inform your Supervisor who will arrange for the box/manhole to be cleaned out and disinfected. Inform your Doctor that you are at risk of contracting Leptospirosis (Weils Disease) in order that an early diagnosis can be achieved if the symptoms are confirmed.	4	1	4	Yes	