



Environmental Health & Safety Audit Protocol Fiji 2021

release notes

STP ComplianceEHS (STP) announces the release of its newly developed environmental, health and safety (EHS) audit protocol for Fiji. This audit protocol covers relevant national EHS requirements. The regulatory date for the current release is November 2021.

This EHS audit protocol is organized around twenty topics, with a separate section devoted to each, as follows:

- General Environmental
- Air Emissions
- Water and Wastewater Management
- Solid and Hazardous Waste
- Environmental Product Stewardship
- Above and Below Ground Tank Management
- Community Noise
- PCBs
- Asbestos
- Occupational Health
- Equipment, Machine and Electrical Safety
- Material Handling and General In-Plant Safety
- Fire Safety
- Transport of Dangerous Goods
- Industrial Hygiene
- Chemical Management
- Construction Work Site Safety
- Incident Prevention and Response
- Marine Protection and Operations
- Flora and Fauna

highlights of the regulatory framework

The Constitution of the Republic of Fiji (Constitution) is the supreme law of Fiji. The Constitution cannot be abrogated or suspended, and can only be amended according to the procedures in the Constitution. The Constitution was adopted in the English language and translated into the iTaukei and Hindi languages. The Constitution confers authority to make laws on the Parliament. The members of Parliament pass bills and the President approves them as Head of State (Articles 46 and 81). The Constitution also requires written laws to make provision for freedom of information (Article 150).

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The Constitution establishes Fiji's system of government. It provides for three separate arms of the State – the Legislature (or Parliament), the Executive, and Judiciary. Elected by the people of Fiji, Parliament is the legislative branch of the State. The Executive is the administrative arm of government and is responsible for putting into operation the laws passed by Parliament and administering the programs and services that are delivered by Government.

Health and safety is governed by the Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations, with an Occupational Health and Safety Division established. The Health and Safety at Work Act 1996, amended December 2016, outlines the legislative requirements for health and safety at work. Subsidiary legislation, in the form of regulations, are also provided.

The Ministry of Environment is responsible for promoting the sustainable use and development of Fiji's environment and efficient implementation of policies, legislation and programs. The *Environment Management Act 2005* makes provision for the protection of the environment in Fiji and in the Exclusive Economic Zone of Fiji. The Act also:

- Defines principles and purposes of environmental protection;
- Establishes the National Environment Council;
- Provides requirements with respect to environmental plans and reports;
- Provides rules relative to environmental impact assessment and audit;
- Covers requirements for waste management control and pollution prevention; and
- Defines offences.

Subsidiary legislation is established under the Act in form of regulations.



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