

8. SITE ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

8.1 Site Inspections

8.1.1 Site Inspections provide a direct means to trigger and enforce the specified environmental protection and pollution control measures. They should be undertaken routinely to inspect the construction activities in order to ensure that appropriate environmental protection and pollution control mitigation measures are properly implemented. With well defined pollution control and mitigation specifications and a well established site inspection, deficiency and action reporting system, the site inspection is one of the most effective tools to enforce the environmental protection requirements on the construction site.

8.1.2 The EAT Leader is responsible for formulation of the environmental site inspection, deficiency and action reporting system, and for carrying out the site inspection works. He should submit a proposal on the site inspection, deficiency and action reporting procedures within 21 days of the construction contract commencement to the Contractor for agreement and to the ER for approval.

8.1.3 Regular site inspections should be carried out at least once per week. The areas of inspection should not be limited to the environmental situation, pollution control and mitigation measures within the site; it should also review the environmental situation outside the site area which is likely to be affected, directly or indirectly, by the site activities. The EAT Leader should make reference to the following information in conducting the inspection:

- the EIA recommendations on environmental protection and pollution control mitigation measures;
- works progress and programme;
- individual works methodology proposals (which should include proposal on associated pollution control measures);
- the contract specifications on environmental protection;
- the relevant environmental protection and pollution control laws; and
- previous site inspection results.

8.1.4 The Contractor should update the EAT Leader with all relevant information of the construction contract for him to carry out the site inspections. The inspection results and its associated recommendations on improvements to the environmental protection and pollution control works should be submitted to the ER and the Contractor within 24 hours, for reference and for taking immediate action. The Contractor should follow the procedures and time-frame as stipulated in the environmental site inspection, deficiency and action reporting system formulated by the EAT Leader to report on any remedial measures subsequent to the site inspections.

8.1.5 Ad hoc site inspections should also be carried out if significant environmental problems are identified. Inspections may also be required subsequent to receipt of an environmental complaint, or as part of the investigation work, as specified in the Action Plan for environmental monitoring and audit.