

Case Study

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Chemical Storage Environmental Due Diligence Audit

The Challenge

The client, a chemical storage company required an environmental due diligence audit for the investment in the acquisition of a bulk chemicals transport company, business and assets.

The Solution

The audit was designed to identify the significant environmental liabilities associated with the investment in the freehold, management interests and commercial operations conducted at the company's site in North Yorkshire.

The investigation included a desktop study and ground contamination characterisation on the site. A review of waste management practices and the storage of chemicals and oils was also included. An intrusive site investigation included window sampling, trial pitting and borehole drilling with the installation of ground gas and groundwater monitoring standpipes.

The Outcome

The issues considered focussed on the potential contamination and health and safety risks associated with the potential presence of hazardous substances within the sub-soil and groundwater.

The use of the site is for the logistics planning and operation of tank containers and road-tanks. Activities included 'in-house' fleet maintenance with two inspection pits, external vehicle washing and the storage of customers' products. Drainage is directed through a 10,000 Litre capacity interceptor. The site included two underground fuel storage tanks of 16,000 gallons (72,640L) and 20,000 gallons (90,800L) respectively.



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