

## CSCS Cards – Important information

The construction and utilities industries share a common goal and commitment to enable all workers to demonstrate health and safety awareness and relevant skills and competencies.

EU Skills and the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) have affiliated their registration schemes to enable access to construction sites for electricity, gas and water industry workers who hold an affiliated endorsement.

Current existing EUSR cards are already accepted for site entry but now all EUSR cards issued for registration on any Utility SHEA passport schemes will carry the CSCS logo.

**Holleran is now part way through the process of enabling all staff to migrate to the new card.**

Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) affiliated cards are issued to operatives who have passed a Utility SHEA scheme since 1 December 2008. These

operatives will have sat the new affiliated randomised test. If an operative has not sat one of these tests then the CSCS hologram will not appear on their card.

The SHEA Passport consists of seven key modules and a further three modules relating to network construction and three more dealing with process operations. Completion of these modules provides a route to long term learning and over the next 12 months we hope that everyone will take advantage of this training. The new card will carry details of all training undertaken by the holder.

Renewal of the card is required every three years ensure that recent changes and issues are reinforced on a regular basis.

### New card design

**Pre-December 2008**

(old design cards)

As of 1 January 2009 the old design EUSR cards are recognised as an acceptable alternative to the CSCS card for utility workers.



## Recycling pipe waste

As a major consumer of PE pipe and fittings, each year Holleran produces a significant amount of surplus material in the form of off-cuts and associated supplies that are not required. Wherever possible we try to re-use these materials on related works but in a number of instances there can be no practical use

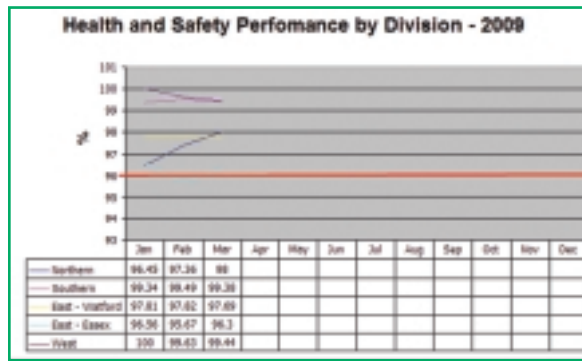
Working in partnership with water industry specialist materials supplier, Martin Strudwick Ltd. over the last five years across the majority of our long-term contracts, we have worked hard to ensure that as much of this material as possible is taken to the appropriate recycling companies.

Martin and his team regularly visit our site compounds and remove materials for recycling. For example, each year more than 20 tonnes of plastic pipe is being recycled into products such as new water pipe, plastic chairs and flooring for stables and this initiative makes a significant contribution to increasing the amount of recycling undertaken by Holleran.

A major benefit of this affiliation is that someone holding an Energy & Utility Skills Register (EUSR) SHEA registration will facilitate access to construction sites for the electricity, gas and water industries.

## Divisional Safety

The table below shows performance across our main operating areas for the first three months of 2009. For most of the period we have been achieving results above our target of 96%



## Toolbox talks – Focus on Buried Services

This month the emphasis is on the potential hazards caused by buried services. Every year there are more than 70,000 instances of damage to buried services in the UK, resulting in more than 150 injuries.

A recent incident involving a contractor working for Network Rail caused damage to buried services in the Kent area. In this instance, an HV cable was damaged by a steel rod pin being driven into the ground. On this occasion only the outer sheath had been severed. If the rod pin had penetrated the HV Cable then the consequences could have been far more serious and potentially fatal.

Always remember to follow the procedures that are in place:

1. Avoidance of danger from buried services MHL.QAP (RL) 006
2. Buried Services Data Provision NWR Standard's NRL2/AMG/1020
3. Working Safely In The Vicinity of Buried Services NRL2/AMG/1030

For more information please speak to your Supervisor or read Toolbox No.48 in the Construction Skills Construction Site Safety Tool Box Talks book GT700



## Holleran issues new policies for Health and Safety, Environment and Quality

As part of our regular updating process, the latest versions of our Health and Safety, Environmental and Quality Policies should be on display in all site offices, projects offices and at Head Office. In addition, these new policies are available on line at <http://www.holleran.co.uk/sheq/>



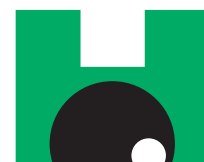
## Great Health and Safety myths

**The myth:** People don't have to take any responsibility for their own health and safety.



**The reality:** Employers have a duty to protect workers and the public from dangers caused by their work but health and safety isn't entirely someone else's responsibility and we all have a duty to keep ourselves safe, by co-operating with safety measures and not putting ourselves or others in danger. This is just common sense – something we all use every day.

It's important that we aren't put at risk by other people's actions, but if we ignore our own responsibilities, real risks can get missed. Playing the blame game doesn't keep people safe – better to rely on common sense and co-operation.



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