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SAGTA announces expert team tasked to complete phase 2 Category 4 Screening Levels

The Soil and Groundwater Technology Association (SAGTA) has this week confirmed the individuals who will make up the Project Team tasked with the roll out of phase 2 of the Category 4 Screening Levels (C4SLs) project.

The phase 2 roll out follows a successful first phase which delivered generic screening levels for six contaminants widely observed in real-life contaminated land environments. Following industry consultation an expanded second phase was agreed to include screening levels for an additional 20 contaminants. The new project team, managed by a consortium of Nicola Harries (CL:AIRE), Simon Firth (Firth Consultants) and Naomi Earl (independent), comprises toxicology and exposure professionals who are planning a rolling delivery of C4SLs for 20 new contaminants within two years. This project is being substantially funded by industry through SAGTA with welcomed in-kind contributions from a number of consultants and a financial grant from The Society of Brownfield Risk Assessment (SoBRA).

It is widely accepted by Defra, the Welsh Government and other industry groups that more C4SLs need to be derived to support the practical application of the Statutory Guidance for Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

A dedicated Steering Group, made up of representatives from SAGTA, Defra, Welsh Government, Public Health England, Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales, Food Standards Agency, Homes England and further Land Forum representatives, has been set up to oversee the project team.

A project website will be providing regular updates and publish findings as they are developed www.claire.co.uk/c4sl.

Project Manager, Nicola Harries said *“CL:AIRE is delighted to be leading the expert project team to deliver freely available C4SLs for a further 20 contaminants commonly found on contaminated sites across the UK. The first four C4SLs we will be working on will be naphthalene, vinyl chloride, trichlorethene and tetrachloroethene”*.

SAGTA Chairman, Frank Evans, added his support, *“The first batch of C4SL reports has made a real difference to our industry, and I am really pleased that we have been able to bring together such a strong alliance of practitioners and representatives from across the sector to continue the work that the Government started. The need for the project team to work with some of the newest science out there means we will inevitably face some unforeseen challenges, but I am looking forward to working with SAGTA’s lead representative Hannah White and the team to deliver the next batch of C4SL numbers and reports.*

Further information

For further information on C4SL Phase 2 initiative contact Hannah.white@nationalgrid.com

Project Team contributors:

Tier 1 Toxicologists: Sarah Bull, Camilla Alexander-White (MK Tox), George Kowalczyk (GK Toxicology Consulting) and Steve Ruckman (RSK ADAS).

Tier 2 Toxicologists: Simon Cole (AECOM); Sonja Trewavas, Natasha Glynn & Andrew Fellows (Atkins); Barry Mitcheson (Wood); Gareth Wills (WSP); Kate Baker (LEAP Environmental); Jo Wilding & Laura Aspinall (RSK); Meera Cush (Ramboll); Melinda Evans (Soilfix); Adam Symonds, Duncan Grew & Peter Sheppard (Advisian) and Alison McKay (Leapmoor LLP).

Exposure Modellers: Dave Brooks (Sirius); Gareth Barns (WYG); Robert Reuter & James Lymer (Wardell Armstrong); Catherine Latimer (RSK) and Lucy Burn (Advisian).

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The Soil and Groundwater Technology Association (SAGTA) is a not-for-profit association of member organisations drawn from UK companies representing many major land holding sectors. Its members actively address challenges associated with the ownership and management of contaminated operational land and brownfield development sites.

Building on more than a decade of experience SAGTA is the authoritative voice of contaminated land from a land holder's perspective. SAGTA represents landholders on the Brownfield Forum, an essential opportunity for joint government, regulator and industry stakeholder discussions.

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