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1 INTRODUCTION

During the site excavation of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, as part of the original enabling works, several discrete areas of low levels of radioactively contaminated spoil were discovered. This radioactive material was present due to the former use of part of the site as a landfill along with the former industries located in this part of East London, some of which incorporated processes which concentrated Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) to elevated levels. The work that has historically been completed in dealing with this radioactive legacy is documented elsewhere.

Balfour Beatty is contracted to start the transformation of the main stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to a legacy structure. A number of operations in this transformation will involve the disturbance of earth groundwork and consequently may carry a risk, albeit low, of revealing radioactively contaminated soil resulting in potential exposure to operatives. Drilling, piling and excavation operations may reveal the presence of radioactively contaminated soil since they will be penetrating through the "marker layer" which demarcates the transition between materials that are known to be free from contamination and materials whose historical provenance is unknown.

As required by the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (IRR1999) (regulation 13), **if radioactivity is detected** Balfour Beatty will appoint an RPA to provide radiation protection advice to comply with the IRR1999, guidance on compliance with the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 and any other associated regulations regarding ionising radiations and radioactive material.

The radiological prior risk assessment 72618/PRA/001 identified the controls to be implemented for groundwork operations within Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. This forms the basis of controls as described in method statement 72618/MS/001 to ensure that personnel exposure (and equipment) from ionising radiations is minimised and dose uptake is maintained at levels that are As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP).

The role of Nuvia Health Physics initially is to provide a watching brief and carry out radiological re-assurance monitoring of excavated material and plant, machinery and equipment.

2 SCOPE OF WORK

The proposed scope of work as discussed will include:

- Radiation Protection Advice including the preparation of Radiological Risk Assessments and Method statements associated with Nuvia's work on the site.
- Provision of suitably qualified and experienced radiation monitoring personnel on site to provide a "watching brief".
- Radiation survey ("Groundhog™" survey) of the site following completion of the works.
- Additional consultancy as required including the determination of appropriate monitoring hold points (there has been a recent change in UK legislation and the Hold Points previously used for the site may no longer be appropriate).
- Provision of appropriate risk assessments for leaving any radioactive material in place (as required).
- Assistance with arranging for the disposal of radioactive wastes.

3 EQUIPMENT USED FOR SITE SURVEY

The radiation monitoring equipment used during the survey were:



- Mini-Rad 1000 - s/n 933
- Mini-Monitor 900 c/w 44b probe- s/n 036745/1045
- Electra rate meter c/w DP6 probe- s/n 2061/1767
- Electra rate meter c/w 3" Nal probe – s/n 6635/1761
- PCM5 rate meter c/w 3" Nal probe – s/n-1883/0079

4 SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The survey was conducted using a combination of the above radiation monitoring equipment by a trained surveyor. Where possible, the survey consisted of a walkover of all accessible areas of the planned excavations, prior to excavation commencement. Areas surveyed are in shown in Appendix 7.13 - 7.16. Surveys were also undertaken of:

- the excavated pits and trenches
- excavator bucket and
- spoil heaps.

5 MONITORING RESULTS

Results were recorded on survey report forms- see Appendix 7.1 – 7.12

6 CONCLUSION

Method statement 72618/MS/001 identifies a key hold point at a threshold of 1300 Counts Per Second (CPS) for Ra-226 at 0.5Bq/g for walkover surveys – which makes the material subject to the radioactive substances legislation.

The site's background radiation readings for the monitors used was:

- Electra rate meter c/w 3" Nal probe detector is ~300 CPS,
- PCM5 c/w 3" Nal detector is ~300 CPS,
- Electra rate meter c/w DP6 is ~5CPS
- Mini Instruments 900 c/w 44b probe is ~8CPS ,
- Min Rad 1000 is ~0.1 μ Sv/h

Given the above background readings, there were only three areas that showed slightly elevated readings, but all were well below the 1300CPS threshold:

- (T0010), Trench to man-hole near N8 gave a response 200 to 300 CPS, but the man-hole itself provided a response of 700 CPS.
- (T009), Man-hole at N9 and trench towards N10 gave a response of 15-20 CPS in a few hotspots.
- Careys work south of stadium, in small areas in T0011, survey of areas dug gave a response of 500 - 600 CPS.

It should be noted that changes to the survey geometry (as in the cases above) can result in variations to the counts detected.

As such, no areas surveyed so far, have been identified as being likely to contain material that is likely to be subject to radioactive substances legislation. In addition, the radiological risk to workers (and by extension to members of the public) from this work was judged to be negligible.



7 APPENDICES

7.1 Survey Sheet - 2nd April 2014

Radiation & Contamination Survey Report
Health Physics



Date: 2 nd April 2014 Building: Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park Area Surveyed: Area 16/17 Down EXAMINATION (Radon Level) (20011910012)		Area Designation (tick) <input type="checkbox"/> Controlled <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Des Start Time: 14:30 Survey No: 1430		Hazard Rating: <input type="checkbox"/> (H, M, L) <input type="checkbox"/> Radiation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contamination		Survey Type (tick) <input type="checkbox"/> Routine Request <input type="checkbox"/> Alarm/Incident <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Instruments SERVO/DPG 20011767 EG-300/CMC 0535/1761		Pre Test <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		Eigt* K-22.1 (S) SCB 200-300.05		Post Test <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Survey Details															
No	Radiation (circle units)				Contamination				P or S*	R or FM†	US S or K**	General Comments:			
	µSv/h	γ	mSv/h	α	β	α	β	γ							
	DUE TO NATURE OF EXAMINATION NO ENTRY TO PIT														
	SLOWS FROM BELOW WALKER WELD SURFACES													S	
	BUCKETS FROM EXAMINATION EVIDENCE													P S	
Survey completed by Print: [Redacted] Sign: [Redacted] Date: [Redacted] HP Supervisor Sign: [Redacted] Date: [Redacted]															
RPS or Area Supervisor Sign: [Redacted] Date: [Redacted]															

† R - Removed
FM - Fixed and Marked

** US - Unsatisfactory
S - satisfactory
K - Known

◆ Probe or Smear

* Instrument Background

Symbol Comments

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7.4 Survey Sheet - 7th April 2014

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Date: 7 April 14	Building: O.E. Park Site	Area Designation (tick)	Hazard Rating:		Survey Type (tick)		Serial No.	Pre Test	Egpt	Post Test
			Controlled Supervised	Contamination	Routine Request	Alarm/Incident				
Area Surveyed: TRENCH TO N/14 NEAR N18 + MANHOLE (RECORD NO. ON SAT.) (T0010)		Controlled <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Dps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Radiation <input type="checkbox"/> Contamination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2014/1767	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2014 4 23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Survey No: 0888		Radiation (circle units)		Contamination		US		General Comments:		
No	μSv/h	α	β	α	β	R or FM	S	ALL COUNTS INCREASE		
	7						S	Etc		
	200-300						S	* FEW SPOTS OF UP TO 700 CPS FOUND		
	200-300 (SUSPENDED)						S			
	700						S			
				40.1	5 cps	P	S			
				40.1	5 cps	P	S			
Survey completed by Print		Signature		HP Supervisor's Comments:						
HP Supervisor Sign:		Date:								
RPS or Area Supervisor Sign:		Date:								

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 Symbol Comments
 Instrument Background
 Probe or Smear
 US - Unsatisfactory
 S - satisfactory
 K - Known
 R - Removed
 FM - Floor and Marked



7.8 Survey Sheet - 11th April 2014

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Date:	Building:	Area Designation (tick)	Hazard Rating:		Survey Type (tick)		Serial No.	Pre Test	Post Test	
			(H, M, L)	Contamination	Routine Request	Alarm/Incident				Other
11 April 14	QUEEN ELIZABETH OLYMPIC STADIUM	Controlled Supervised Non-Des	Radon (cpm)	Contamination	α	β	2001/1027	✓	✓	
Area Surveyed: PEDIUM LEVEL SLOWS FROM M14 TO12 & TO11 Start Time: 0800 Survey No: 0153										
Survey Details										
No	Area	Radon (cpm)	Contamination	CPS	α <th>β <th>P or S*</th> <th>R or FM †</th> <th>U/S or K**</th> <th>General Comments:</th> </th>	β <th>P or S*</th> <th>R or FM †</th> <th>U/S or K**</th> <th>General Comments:</th>	P or S*	R or FM †	U/S or K**	General Comments:
	SLOWS FROM MANNINGES TO11 & TO12 SUBSTATION	200-300							S	ALL READINGS INCLUDE S/A
	EXCHANGE BASKETS & BASKET SWAPING		10.1 Seps				P		S	
	CAGES EXCHANGE HV DIVISION FRENCH BENCH SUBSTATION	200-350							S	
	SLOWS STACKLES SUBSTATION	200-300							S	
	2x LOBEY LOADS OF SLOWS LOWERS FROM SITE LOBEY MONITORING FORUM COMPLETES	250-290							S	
Survey completed by: [Redacted] Sign: [Redacted] HP Supervisor Sign: [Redacted] Date: [Redacted]										

HP Supervisor's Comments:

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 Symbol Comments
 * Instrument Background
 † Probe or Smear
 ** U/S - Unsatisfactory
 S - satisfactory
 K - Known
 † R - Removed
 FM - Fixed and Marked



7.9 Survey Sheet - 14th April 2014

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Date: 14 APRIL 14		Building: QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK STADIUM		Area Surveyed: CAGES STOPS LANDOWN AREA		Area Designation (tick): Controlled <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Des <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Hazard Rating: (H, M, L) Radiation <input type="checkbox"/> Contamination <input type="checkbox"/>		Survey Type (tick): Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alarm/Incident <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		Instruments: GEMMA/SL6 RMS / X RANGE RAD INSTRUMENTS		Serial No. 2061 / 1753 1883 / 2039 08745 / 1045		Pre Test: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Instrument background: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Post Test: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Start Time: 0800		Survey No: 0809		Radiation (circle units): µSv/h pSv		CPS		Contamination		R or FM		US		General Comments:							
Survey Details		200-550		α		βγ		α		P or S		K"		ALL EXPOSURES INCLUDES							
SOILS IN AREAS AROUND SUBSTITED FROM WEEKENDS EXHIBITIONS														S		OK					
WEB EX.																NO EXCHANGES ON		POSITION WOULD WORK AS			
																LARGE SENSORS TO MINIMIZE					
Survey completed by Print		Date:		HP Supervisor Sign:		Date:		HP Supervisor's Comments:													

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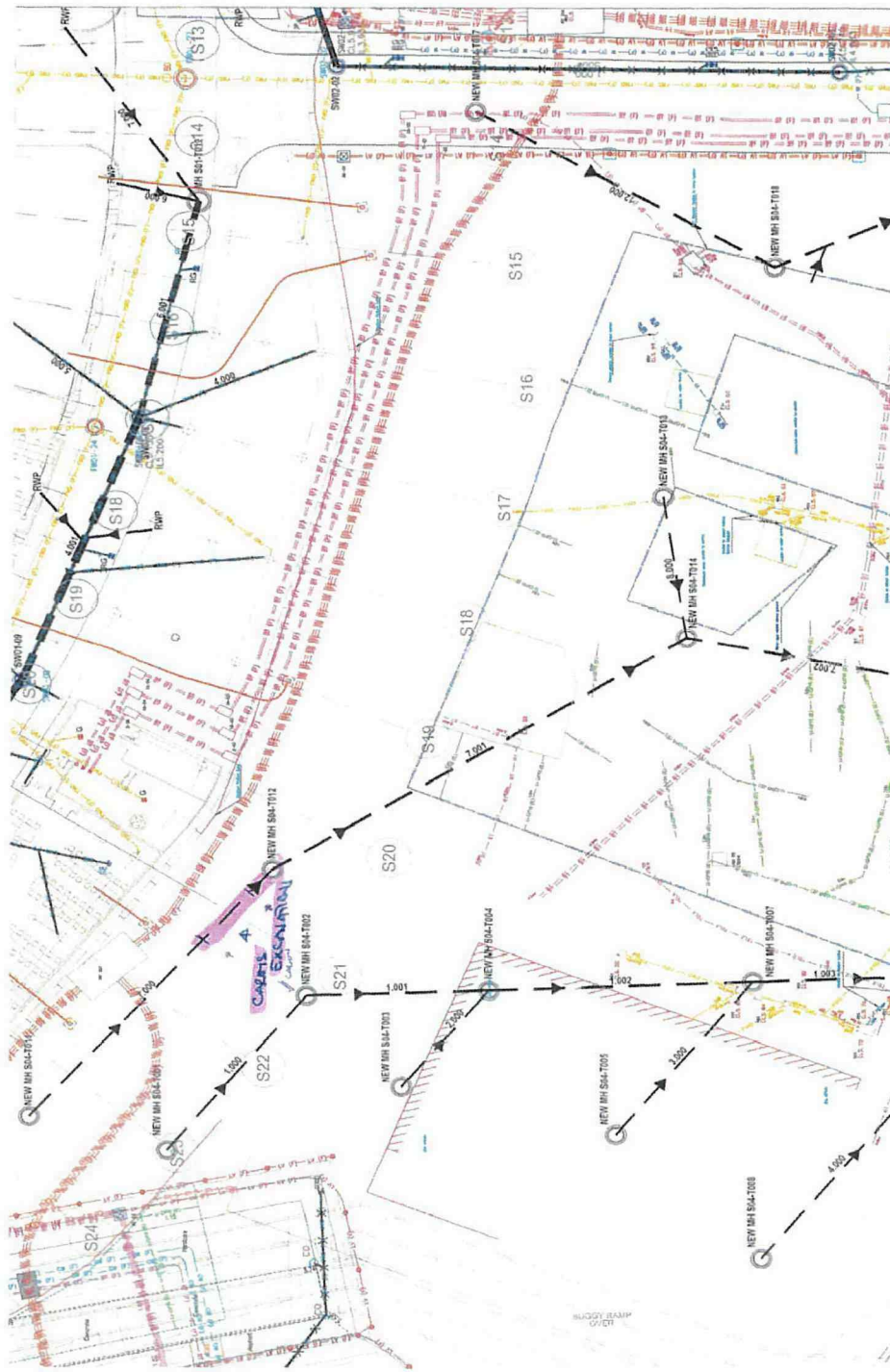


No	Date:	Building: QUEEN ELIZABETH OLYMPIC PARK STADIUM	Area Designation (tick) Controlled <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Dis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start Time: 0800 Survey No: 6519	Hazard Rating: (H, M, L) Radiation <input type="checkbox"/> Contamination <input type="checkbox"/>	Survey Type (tick) Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Request <input type="checkbox"/> Alarm/Incident <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Instruments EUSCRA/250 RMS/8/Reise RAI/MST/144.8 MUNA/EDS/1000	Serial No. 206113147 185310020 0467151045 933	Pre Test <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post Test <input type="checkbox"/>	Instrument background K.O. 1.44 2.00-3.00 5.00 0.1 mSv/h	Post Test <input type="checkbox"/>
Survey Details										
		2X LORALS OF CARES STONE FROM BELOW MIDDLE WING IN DIVISION								
		WALKING SURVEY OF ABOVE LAYDOWN AREA								
		ON SITE CARPARK OUT FACING ENTRANCES IN SOUTHWEST OF STADIUM SITE								
		STONE SURVEY IN OUTSIDE LAYDOWN AREA								
General Comments: ALL LORALS INCLUDE RP										

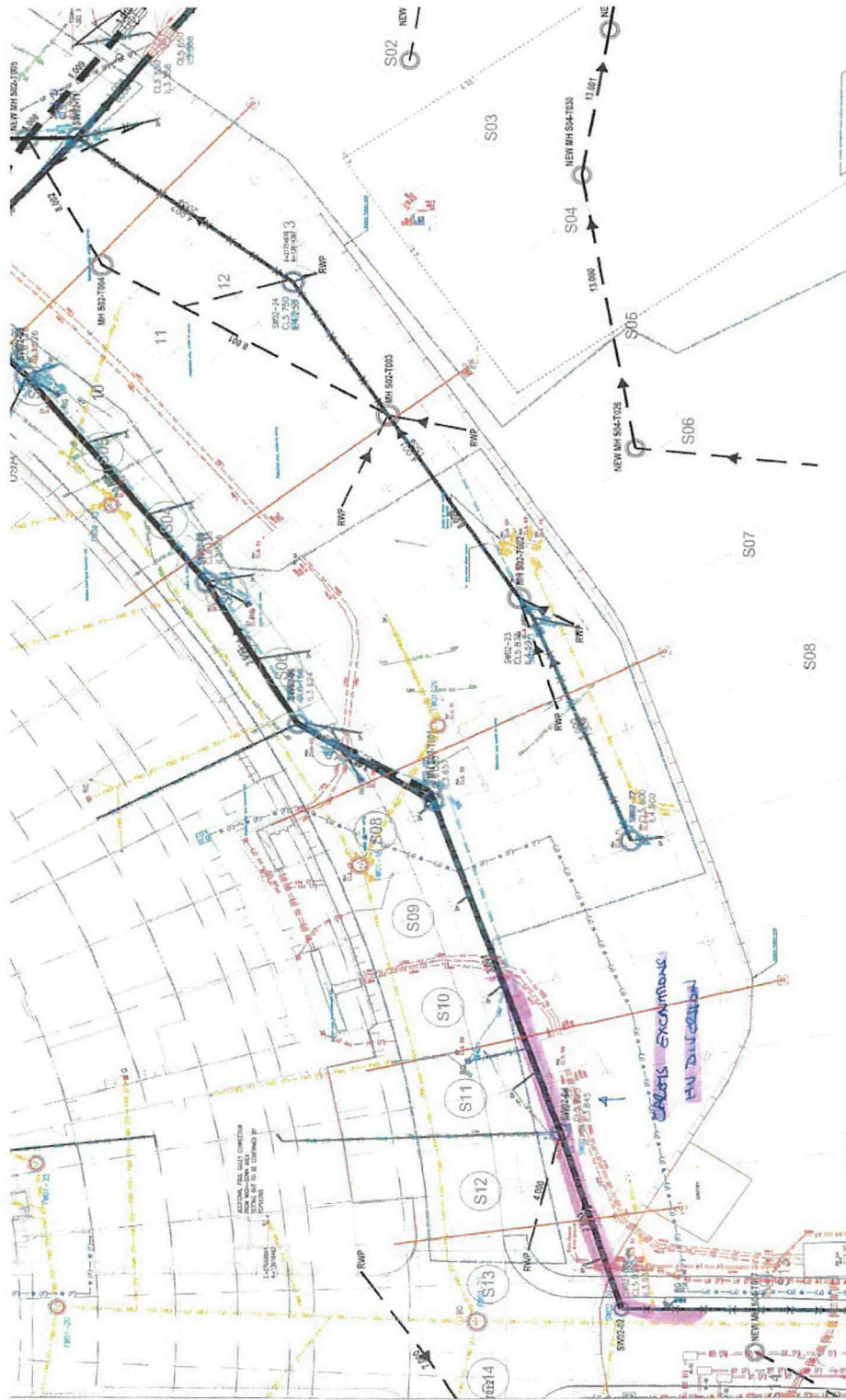
Survey completed by Print: [Redacted] Sign: [Redacted]
 HP Supervisor Sign: [Redacted] Date: [Redacted]
 RPS or Area Supervisor Sign: [Redacted] Date: [Redacted]

HP Supervisor's Comments:

7.14 Areas monitored on site plan – Careys Excavation S21 to S20



7.15 Areas monitored on site plan – Careys Excavation S-10 – S-13 and HV
Diversion



7.16 Areas monitored on site plan – O’Keefe South East Drain Excavation

