

QPANI Health and Safety Recognition Scheme 2009

Quarry Award

Site – Lagan Cement, Kinnegad

This site displayed high standards of health and safety management with involvement and leadership by the senior management being displayed through every part of the production process.

Accident and near misses are investigated thoroughly with incidents and recommendations being communicated through tool box talks. The company keep themselves informed through IBEC, ICF, QPANI, NISG and Safe quarry .com. The company also has an excellent health and safety magazine that is circulated quarterly.

The companies committed to safety can be seen from its investment in training, ensuring a competent workforce, all round visibility on vehicles and its policy on purchasing, annual health checks for its employees and a hands on approach to ensure the safety and competency of subcontractors.

Score 38.5 out of 40 = 96% Standard - GOLD

Site - Acheson and glover

Excellent standards implemented within this company. Every incident that occurs is investigated, including near misses and results are communicated through tool box talks. The companies investment in safety and training can be evidenced by the reduction in incidents over the past three years. The company provides an annual health check and free confidential counselling service for its workforce.

Visible Felt Leadership is an important part of the health and safety management regime within the company. The Chief Executive / owner carries out regular walkabouts and senior operations director attends regular safety training sessions.

The company displays excellent management of its subcontractors with a permit to work policy in place.

Score 39.5 out of 40 = 98.7% Standard GOLD

Site White mountain Quarry

Whitemountain quarries obviously has Health and safety as its top priority as evidenced by the judges views and comments. Safety is driven from the top with employee involvement at all levels. Communication throughout the site and the company by tool box talks, internal company health and safety magazine, regular safety meetings and use of external resources were excellent.

Robust management of subcontractors is a key priority within WMQ. The company are to be commended for the significant investment in all round visibility on their mobile plant.

Score 38 out of 40 = 95%

Site Croaghan Quarry

Health and Safety is evidently the top priority on this site. A relatively new site Northstone have from accident investigation, employee involvement, management of vehicles and pedestrian movements, occupational health and visitors to site implemented best practice.

Score 39 out of 40 = 97.5% Gold

May we also congratulate Northstone for winning an award at the recent MPA awards held in London on Tuesday 06 October 2009.

The top category award was in recognition of Northstone's outstanding achievements in the MPA Contractors Safety section of the 2009 Health & Safety Best Practice Awards for the development and use of their "Guardian Goal Post" system.

The "Guardian Goal Post" system developed by Northstone to provided a lightweight portable solution to marking overhead electric cables is now used by a number of Contractors within Northern Ireland and is also extensively used throughout G.B. by many major civil engineering / road maintenance companies.

Site FP McCann – Loughside Quarry

The company had a detailed and robust accident and dangerous occurrence investigation procedure and showed evidence of using resources such a safe quarry .com and the HSENI website. Toolbox talks were again used as an excellent way to communicate with the workforce. Directors are involved in accident investigation and attend quarterly health and safety meetings.

Scored 37 out of 40 = 92% Gold Standard

Site P Clarke & Sons Slushill

This company communicates the results of accident investigations to its employees through tool box talks. The company also keeps itself up to date with legislation change and best practice. The company operates buddy system for all new starts, it has developed an in house training matrix so that all training needs are addressed.. All round visibility is a high priority within the company. The company ensures the health of its workforce by carrying out regular noise and dust tests within the work environment.

Score 36 out of 40 = 90% Standard GOLD

Site Tarmac Craigtlet

Excellent standards implemented on this site with evidence of a strong health and safety culture implemented and led from the top. From accident investigation, development of risk assessment and safe working practices employee involvement was evident. Visible Felt Leadership implemented as part of the culture and employee health, 24 / 7 attitude taken, given a high priority. Also clear and concise management of subcontractors undertaken.

Score 39 out of 40 = 97.5% Gold

Site Tarmac Ederney

This site displayed gold standards across each of the eight categories the judged scored. Again as in other entries communication was excellent and carried out through tool box talks. The companies Golden Rules are the operational Bible. Employees go through interactive tests based on these golden rules with anyone not coming up to the required standard being retrained. VFL is carried out as a matter of company policy with the Director carrying out a task audit on site every two weeks the results of which are communicated to staff.

Score 40 out of 40 100% Standard GOLD

MANUFACTURING

Site - White Mountain Quarries, Five mile town Asphalt Plant

This new site, operational from January 2009, has excellent standards of safety management. From Accident investigation, communicating best practice,

training, health surveillance, all round visibility and separation of vehicles and pedestrians standards are excellent.

Score 36 out of 40 = 90% GOLD

Site - Acheson & Glover Five Mile Town Pavia Plant

This site displayed superb standards and procedures. In all but one of the eight categories the company scored top marks. Strong leadership and involvement shown by the company Directors, very much a top down attitude shown. The use, monitoring and review of risk assessments, method statements and training were excellent.

Score 39.5 out of 40 = 99% Gold

Site - RTU Mortar

Small compact site creating a number of challenges particularly in the management of transport The company had good all round visibility on its vehicles, clear and evidenced accident and incident investigation procedures in place.

Score 30 out of 40 = 75% Silver

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