

ALERT TOPIC	Assumptions are Costly	ALERT REFERENCE:	2024 Q001
TARGET AUDIENCE:	Managers and Engineers (CRL Highways Operations)	AUTHORISED BY:	Simon Dewsbury
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INTRODUCTION

- Non-conformances have recently been increasing and we need to counter this.
- Just because you've always done something, it doesn't mean that it's flawless or efficient.
- Requirements for construction can vary between different clients, by geographical area and sometimes project-to-project.
- Good Quality = Compliance with the specification and design.



REASON FOR ISSUING THIS ALERT

- There have been some instances where the work has been constructed based on individual knowledge, which was later found to be non-compliant.
- Incorrect work impacts our projects and business because it:
 - absorbs resources and time carrying out re-work,
 - has a knock-on effect for subsequent activities,
 - could materially affect structural strength,
 - affects business reputation which influences future work,
 - increases risk of accidents occurring#

Research has indicated that 39% of all injuries on construction projects happen during re-work activities.

CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSION POINTS

- Are we doing this because we always have, or because it's the right thing to do?
- Have you been briefed on the activity Method Statement for the activity?
 - Method Statements will detail the agreed way to carry out the task.
- Have you been briefed on the Inspection and Test plan document (ITP)?
- An Inspection and Test plan contains information about the Client and Design requirements.
 - is intended to help you comply with the specification / design.
 - It will detail specified minimum / nominal requirements and any tolerances.
- It is always cheaper to do a job, RIGHT FIRST TIME!
- If there is a problem or you think there is a better way, please stop to confirm compliance and agree any changes.

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