

**Risk Assessment – Scraping and bedding up**

<b>Department:</b>		LKL		<b>Site:</b>		Relief and Contract Farms	
<b>Assessor:</b>		J Eastham		<b>Assessment Date:</b>		28/08/05	
				<b>Reassessed:</b>			
<b>Task description</b>				Yard / cubicle house scraping and bedding			
Scraping building and yards using tractor. The manure could be scraped into slats feeding a slurry store or alternatively direct into a storage area. The task could well involve hitching the scraper to the tractor. Bedding of the housing area is carried out using a variety of product including chopped straw, paper and sawdust. This may involve using a straw chopping machine. Beds are generally swept off by hand prior to applying clean bedding.							
<b>Personnel Affected:</b>							
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<b>Potential Hazards:</b>				<b>Control Measures :</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential for collision with other vehicles, buildings or pedestrians.</li> <li>Potential for crushing whilst hitching scraper to tractor.</li> <li>Potential for drowning</li> <li>Dust inhalation could cause allergic reaction / sensitisation or respiratory disease.</li> <li>Dust could cause eye irritation / foreign object in the eye.</li> <li>Crushing could occur while retrieving bale of straw for bedding purposes.</li> </ol>				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All vehicles to be maintained as per manufacturers instructions and pickup hitches to be checked regularly for wear. All drivers to be fully trained in the use of the scraping tractor . All pedestrian access to be limited.</li> <li>All pick up hitches to be checked regularly for wear. Where possible use an 'A' frame hitching device.</li> <li>Ensure slurry lagoon / area is secure and properly fenced with appropriate signage. Close all gates after use.</li> <li>Dust mask to be used when chopping straw and bedding areas.</li> <li>Eye protection to be worn. Emergency eye wash to be made available.</li> <li>Use a tractor bale spike. Straw should not be stacked beyond max. stacking height. All lifting equipment to be tested periodically by a competent person.</li> </ol>			
<b>Probability:</b>		<b>Severity:</b>		<b>Risk Factor:</b>		<b>Residual Risk:</b>	
Certain: Could happen anytime	=4	Death	=4	X	Low: 1 to 3	8 – High	
Probable: Likely to happen	=3	Serious temporary injury	=3		Medium: 4 to 7		
Possible: May happen	=2	X Minor Injury	=2		High: 8 to 11		
Remote: Little or no chance of occurrence	=1	First Aid injury (small cuts, etc)	=1		Very High: 12 to 16		
<b>Action Required &amp; Target Dates/Other Comments:</b>							