

Network Outcomes Contract Governance & Management Group Clarification

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| Reference Number: | NOCC No. 19 |
| Subject Title: | OPM 46–49 Non-vulnerable sumps and culverts |
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| Clarification Purpose | Clarification is provided to ensure the NOC is being interpreted consistently. The clarification does not remove or supersede the Network Outcomes Contract documentation. |

SUBJECT

With regard to OPM Groups 6.2.1 & 6.2.2, which relate to non-vulnerable drainage asset maintenance. All OPM's within these groups allow for a 100% sample that is audited annually, in March as per NOC Appendix 2.2.

The defect description for each varies, but they all have the following in common:
".....not remedied within 2 months as identified from an annual drainage inspection."

Read in isolation this would imply that the supplier needs to undertake a timely inspection of all non-vulnerable drainage assets, generate a programme of works (clearing), and that the OPM compliance with the OPM would be demonstration that that initial 100% inspection and resulting programme of works had been completed, by March.

However, MS 6.2.1 states:

6.2.1 Routine Drainage Maintenance

Drainage Maintenance is the normal care and attention of drainage infrastructure to maintain its structural integrity. Work includes:

- a) *Maintenance and repair of surface water channel and subsoil drainage*
- b) *Stream clearing and debris removal to maintain water courses through culverts.*

Non-vulnerable drainage assets are those listed within the Principal's asset register, but not included within Appendix 6.5, Vulnerable Flooding Areas and Drainage Assets.

Between the months of March and June, the Contractor shall commence and complete the compliance reporting scope for OPMs 46 and 47. It is the

Contractor's duty to sufficiently demonstrate to the Principal that compliance with the contract standard has been achieved.

The inclusion of the specific timeframe of March to June adds some ambiguity:

1. Is the intent of the OPM is to ensure that all assets are clear and free flowing ahead of the winter period ?
2. Does the "compliance reporting scope" refer to a) the annual drainage inspection referred to in the OPM description or b) the OPM compliance audit.?
3. What is expected to demonstrate compliance, in March ?
4. Why is OPM 48 not included in the MS 6.2.1 statement ?

RESPONSE

The intent of these OPM's is indeed to ensure that non-vulnerable drainage assets are annually inspected and cleared ahead of the winter, wet season in order to prevent undue flooding and potential damage to other assets, including shoulder, pavement, surfacing etc.

The inconsistency with regard to the reporting interval of the audit between Appendix 2.2 and the description within MS 6.2.1 in early versions of the NOC was identified. Subsequent versions have had the reporting interval amended, such that the audit is undertaken in June. The revision aligns Appendix 2.2 and MS 6.2.1. By extension, OPM 48 would be considered within the suggested timeframe to ensure compliance by June.

CONCLUSION

MCM's with early NOC versions may notify suppliers that the reporting interval for OPM Groups 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 are to be amended from March to June henceforth.