

# Eskom's Safety, Health, Environment and Quality (SHEQ) Policy Poster (32-727) Rev 6



Eskom will integrate and/or incorporate safety, health, environment, and quality requirements through the plan-do-check-act (PDCA) quality cycle in its activities so that decisions made ensure the consideration of economic development, environmental duty of care, and social equity to improve performance and achieve stakeholder requirements continually.

## **Eskom's commitment to safety, health, environment and quality management is achieved through:**

- a) implementation of management systems in accordance with, but not limited to ISO 9001, ISO 14001, and ISO 45001/OHSAS 18001 requirements;
- b) fulfilling conformance and compliance obligations/legal and other requirements to which Eskom subscribes and sets to meet the intent of this policy;
- c) taking overall responsibility and accountability for the prevention of work-related injury and ill health, as well as the provision of safe and healthy workplaces and activities;
- d) addressing the needs and expectations of Eskom's workers, customers, interested parties, and stakeholders;
- e) setting safety, health, environment and quality objectives to achieve intended outcomes and measuring performance against these to ensure continual improvement;
- f) applying risk-based assessment methodologies (that is, conducting hazard identification and risk assessment, fitness for duty assessments, emergency preparedness responses, response to emerging outbreaks, pandemic or epidemic disasters, and medical surveillances) for the opportunity for improvement within the SHEQ management systems;
- g) conducting safety, health, environment and quality training and creating employee awareness;
- h) engaging interested parties and stakeholders by promoting open communication and engagement that is safety, health, environment and quality purpose-driven;
- i) ensuring that processes are in place and measured for Eskom's contractors to meet Eskom's safety, health, environment and quality requirements;
- j) ensuring that adequate resources are available for safety, health, environment and quality management;
- k) supporting the establishment and functioning of environment, quality, health and safety committees;
- l) proactively managing Eskom's environmental footprint, minimising pollution and environmental degradation, pursuing a low-carbon future, and prioritising energy, water efficiency, and conservation within and outside Eskom including transitioning to a cleaner energy mix;
- m) engaging, directing, and supporting persons to contribute to the effective management of SHEQ requirements;
- n) ensuring the sustainable use of resources and exploring new opportunities for climate change mitigation and adaptation, and protection of biodiversity, ecosystems, and the prevention of pollution and degradation;
- o) ensuring continual improvement in SHEQ systems to enhance Eskom's business performance; and
- p) consultation and participation of workers and worker representatives on OH&S management systems.

## **Policy principles or rules**

Eskom's principles and rules that underpin the way it approaches safety, health, environment and quality are as follows:

- a) Poor quality performance and occupational health, safety and environmental incidents are preventable.
- b) SHEQ performance is achieved through a Zero Harm culture. Zero Harm is the prevention of harm to people and the environment brought about through visible and felt leadership, including the implementation of effective controls and practices.
- c) Management is accountable for setting a safety, health, environment and quality policy, and every employee is expected to ensure implementation and compliance within the scope of their duties.
- d) Conducting business with respect and care for people, the environment and assets.
- e) Eskom strives to ensure that Zero Harm befalls its employees, contractors, the public, and the environment:
  - Zero fatalities
  - Zero injuries, ill health
  - Zero environmental incidents
  - Zero tolerance
  - Zero defects
- f) Eskom's Life-Saving Rules support the intent of the policy and apply to all employees, contractors, and visitors:
  - Open, isolate, test, earth, bond, and/or insulate before touch
  - Hook up at heights
  - Buckle up
  - Be sober
  - Permit to work
- g) No operating condition, or urgency of service, justifies exposing anyone to risks arising out of Eskom's business, causing an incident with health, safety, environmental and quality consequences.
- h) Governance, decision-making processes, and plans are based on intended outcomes with regard to safety, health, environment and quality and criteria in line with Eskom values and promote efficiency.

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