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Dear Sir/Madam

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE CIRCULAR 16/2008
FIRE AND RESCUE MANUAL – VOLUME 2, FIRE SERVICE OPERATIONS –
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Summary

This circular provides information to Fire and Rescue Services on the recently published Fire Service Manual and its provision of specific guidance on Environmental Protection. The guidance is for use by Fire and Rescue Services for planning operational service delivery and training. This is the first manual within the Fire Service Operations series dedicated to the protection of the environment.

Background

1. Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) personnel's knowledge and awareness of environmental issues has increased significantly over the last decade. This increased awareness is in part due to the successful partnership that Fire and Rescue Services have formed with environment agencies, following the memorandum of understanding or emergency protocols.

2. The aim of the partnership is to provide improvement in pollution response, which is resulting in an increasing number of successful interventions at operational incidents. Other working agreements with organisations such as the Highways Agency have also contributed to the success of the initiative.

Note:

The term 'environment agencies' includes the Environment Agency (England and Wales), the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA).

The Manual

3. This Fire and Rescue Manual is the first manual within the Fire Service Operations series dedicated to the protection of the environment. This publication provides information and guidance designed to support firefighters, Fire Service managers, and trainers in their work at operational incidents, training events, and during day-to-day activities.

4. This manual contains guidance for FRSs on preventing and, if necessary, dealing with incidents with the potential to pollute. Through its guidance this manual also ensures that services can help to minimise their own impact on the environment by providing advice on how to prevent pollution from their own premises, including those caused by emission of greenhouse gases.

5. This manual has been designed and written to contribute further to the 'partnership' approach adopted by UK environment agencies and FRSs. The aim of the partnership and this manual is to encourage the protection of the environment at emergency incidents, during training events and as part of day-to-day management of FRS premises and activities.

6. One copy of the manual has been sent to all FRSs. Further copies can be obtained from TSO, further details are listed below:

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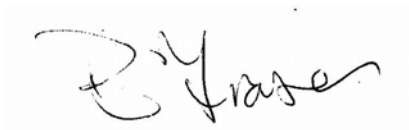
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