

EHS Alert

Subject: Waste Cables now treated as Hazardous Waste

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Following the issue of a recent Environment Agency Regulatory Position Statement (RPS) 276, we must now consider waste cables as hazardous when we are storing and disposing of them.

The RPS also applies if we store or dispose of non-WEEE (waste electrical and electronic equipment) waste cable including telecommunications cable – except when we can prove that it is non-hazardous.

Unless we can demonstrate the cable is non-hazardous we should use the following codes on waste documentation (use both codes):

17 04 10*
17 04 11

Any collection of waste cables must now be covered by a waste consignment note and not a standard waste transfer note.

Waste cables must be stored in areas which have impermeable surfaces and not near environmental hazards such as drains. Skips that are in good condition are considered to be suitable for storage.

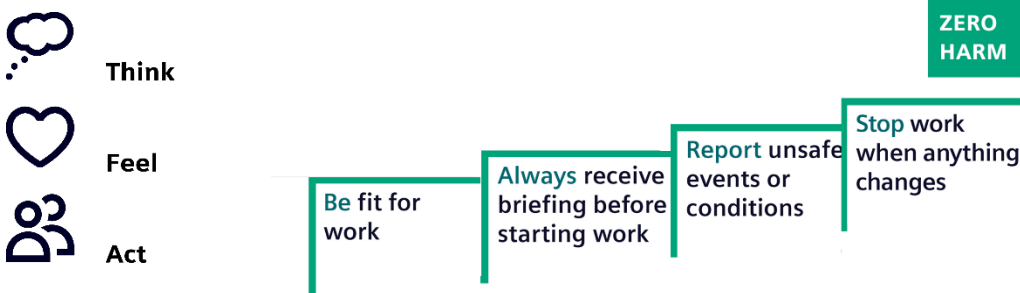
If we are storing or disposing of waste cables at any Siemens sites or depots please contact your regional Environment and Sustainability Advisor or EHS team.

#reflecthonestly – are you aware of how to store and dispose of waste cables, if not please ask and check
#offerwithoutfear – if you feel that we are not dealing with any waste correctly please contact your EHS or local management team.



Discussion Points

1. Are you storing or disposing of cables?
2. Have you proved they are non-hazardous? If not then they must be considered as hazardous.
3. Are skips in good condition to prevent leaks?
4. What volume of waste cable are we storing on site? Has this been checked as acceptable?
5. Are waste transfer notes being completed correctly?



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