

# QP Declaration

## What's the point?



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# What is a Qualified Person (QP)?

- An individual who is:
  - Chartered
  - Suitably qualified
  - Suitably experienced
  - Attended the DoWCoP course
  - Achieved 80% or above on the QP test
  - Independent from the project
  - Demonstrate annual and relevant CPD
  - Registered with CL:AIRE as a QP (annual renewal)



# What is the role of the QP?

- Check if the assessment follows current land quality guidance
- Check all receptors have been suitably considered
- Check if the scheme follows the principles of DoWCoP
- Check the submission deals with material accountability
- Check all appropriate lines of evidence are included in the Material Management Plan submission:
  - Suitability
  - Certainty
  - Quantity



# What a QP does not do!

- Technically review reports / recommendations\*
- Agree or audit remediation strategy or design statement
- Produce verification report
- Undertake dialogue with Regulators
- Decide if material is or is not waste
- Sign off innovative solutions that seem like a good idea, but do not adhere to the CoP

\* Professional integrity with fundamental errors are the exception



# QP qualities

- Confident
- Demonstrates a clear understanding of the CoP
- Ability to apply professionalism & integrity
- Able to say **no!**



# So QP declaration – what is the point?

- Confidence to regulators
- Reduces duplication of effort
- Ensures the liabilities and responsibilities involved in the project are clear
- Looks at responsibilities
- Improves timeframes
- Provides part of the audit of the Code of Practice



# QP review timeframes

## always before the event

- Site of origin – before material reuse
- Direct transfer – before material is dispatched to the receiver site
- For each 'new' donor site
- For significant changes in volume
- For peace of mind!

# Finding a QP

- Register on CL:AIRE website
- Ask CL:AIRE to allocate a QP
  - International soil passport
  - CoP users following disciplinary procedures
  - Voluntary option for complex sites
  - If the registered list seems a bit daunting!

