

Schedules B3, B8 & B9

Laboratories, Communities & Auditors



provides a reference to quantitative laboratory methods specific to known or expected soil contaminants identified in the NEPM

B3 has been varied to:

- incorporate quantitative laboratory methods for new contaminants included in the varied NEPM
- update quantitative laboratory methods to reflect current accepted methods

updated methods are ● simple ● rapid ● accurate & precise ● capable of batch or automated analysis ● capable of simultaneous analysis ● have an appropriate limit of reporting ● safe



provides a framework for consulting the community and communicating risks associated with site contamination

- has been revised to refer to community **engagement** rather than community **consultation** in order to recognise the interactive, collaborative and empowering nature of the risk communication process

- updated to incorporate current principles & practices of community engagement & risk communication, to promote a clear framework that can be used nationally by regulators, site assessors and managers

well informed and well executed community engagement and risk communication will result in: ● more constructive ways to explain risk ● better informed communities



provides guidance for regulators in relation to professional competencies for auditors, third party reviewers and consultations

- formerly Schedule B10, the technical competencies for environmental professionals have been revised to recognise the multi-disciplinary nature of site contamination and developments in the field since 1999

- new competencies included to better reflect the knowledge and experience required in the assessment of site contamination

- establishes a minimum level of knowledge, experience and technical competency for consultants carrying out assessments of site contamination

- will assist in establishing a consistent minimum level of knowledge, experience and technical competencies in Australia and may be useful in establishing a national framework

primarily intended to be used by regulators - it is expected to be referred to by stakeholders and clients in the selection of consultants