

Research Complex at Harwell Local Health and Safety Policy Statement

Introduction

The Research Complex at Harwell is a joint initiative of the Research Councils (BBSRC, EPSRC, MRC, NERC and STFC¹) and the Diamond Light Source, to provide new, state-of-the-art multidisciplinary research laboratories on the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL) site adjacent to the new Diamond third generation synchrotron source and ISIS neutron spallation source. The MRC manages the Complex on behalf of the Research Councils. The Complex building is the property of the STFC whose land it occupies. MRC and STFC are committed to work together to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the safety of their respective employees and all others that have cause to visit and/or work within the Complex.

The MRC, as part of its management remit, is committed, through its cooperation with STFC, to provide and maintain a workplace which is safe and without risks to the health of its employees and others who work within the Complex, and to promote standards of best practice in health and safety management.

The Director, Professor Simon Phillips, is accountable to the Chief Executive Officer of the MRC for ensuring the health and safety of all staff within the Complex and any visiting workers or other persons affected by the actions of those within the workplace.

Although this primary accountability lies with the Director, all those working within and visiting the Complex have a responsibility for their own health and safety and that of others that may be affected by their actions. Management and staff will co-operate fully to ensure effective implementation of the Complex's policy and arrangements.

The following sections reflect and incorporate, as appropriate, the arrangements made with STFC to ensure the safe and effective management of safety in the Complex.

This policy statement and the organisation and arrangements detailed in the remainder of this document will be reviewed at intervals not exceeding one year.

Signed on behalf of the MRC:



Dated: 18/5/09

Professor Simon Phillips. Director of the Research Complex at Harwell.

¹ Biotechnology & Biological Sciences Research Council, Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council, Medical Research Council, Natural Environment Research Council, Science & Technology Facilities Council