



Meeting Summary – June 2026

The National Quality Mark Scheme for Land Contamination Management (NQMS) steering group met on 24 June 2026 and the main items discussed were as follows:

- National Brownfield Skills Framework and the Building Safety Act
- Environment Agency H5 Guidance update and NQMS SQP role
- Administration and Suitably Qualified Person (SQP) awarding body update
- Marketing

National Brownfield Skills Framework and the Building Safety Act

The National Brownfield Forum has written to all its members and invited them to participate in an expert group being set up by the Ground Forum to help map the roles and competencies for people who currently undertake work within the geoenvironmental industry. This work will feed into the Super Sector Group 10 work that is being led by the Construction Leadership Council [Competence – Construction Leadership Council](#). The NQMS Steering group will participate in the expert group. It has been acknowledged that the National Brownfield Skills Framework (NBSF) has been identified as a key tool that already links a number of existing accreditation schemes for practitioners that work within the geoenvironmental sector such as NQMS, GPVS, SiLC and SoBRA etc.

Environment Agency H5 Guidance update and NQMS SQP role

The Environment Agency is working with the NQMS Steering Group to scope up the competencies that will be required for SQP to demonstrate that they meet the definition of competent in line with the forthcoming updated H5 guidance.

Administration and SQP awarding body update

The SQP register have recently been updated in line with newly awarded SQPs [NQMS SQP Register](#).

Marketing

The NQMS is continuing to look at ways of marketing the scheme, which involves meetings with regulators, presenting on the scheme at professional group meetings and sharing updates on the dedicated LINKED-IN page [National Quality Mark Scheme: Overview | LinkedIn](#)