

Appendix 3:

Checklist for safe farm fuel storage

Site:	
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ISSUE		NO	N/A	ACTIONS
Location of flammable liquids				
Are ignition sources a safe distance from fuel storage areas? - over 15m for petrol - over 6m for diesel				
Is the petrol tank at least 20m from areas of high intensity land use or areas of regular habitation?				
Is the diesel tank at least: - 20m away from areas of regular habitation or high intensity land - 6m from farm sheds?	•	•	•	
Emergency response plans				
If storing over 2,000L ¹⁷ of fuel, is an ERP available?				
Have you tested the emergency response plan in the last 12 months?				
Safety data sheets (SDSs)				
Do you have a SDS for the fuel you store? (SDSs must be readily accessible to workers and emergency service workers)				
Fire extinguishers				
Do you have fire extinguishers for: Petrol:				
Less than 50L = no extinguisher needed Between 50L and less than 200L = at least one extinguisher				
Over 200L = two extinguishers Diesel:				
Less than 50L = no extinguisher Over 500L = two extinguishers				
Are fire extinguishers located so that they are clearly visible and readily accessible in an emergency?		0	0	
Secondary containment				
Is the fuel in an area where spills will not endanger buildings, or flow into water bodies?				
If you store over 2,000L of petrol or diesel, is the storage area bunded to contain spills?	•		•	
Do you regularly clear the bund of leaves and other debris?				

 $^{^{17}}$ Or over 1,000L of petrol if stored where a spill would endanger buildings or water bodies.

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Training				
Are workers who handle and store fuels trained in safe fuel handling?				
(Training should include fuel hazards, safe use and handling, and emergency procedures)				
Signs and labelling				
If you store over 1,000L of diesel, do you have warning signs?				
Are your fuel tanks labelled clearly with their contents?				
Location compliance certificate				
If you store over 2,000L of petrol in an above ground tank, do you have a current location compliance certificate?				
(Location compliance certificates last one year)				
Stationary container system (tank) test certificate				
If the petrol tank is larger than 2,500L, do you have a stationary container system compliance certificate?				
If the diesel tank is larger than 5,000L, do you have a stationary container system compliance certificate?		•		
Tank ventilation				
Is the vent pipe at least half the size of the filling pipe (and no smaller than 25mm diameter)?				
Tank fill pipe				
Does the petrol storage tank fill pipe extend from the fill point to at least 25mm below the lowest level of liquid in the tank?				
Tank structural safety				
Are the tank supports sound and stable? (Look for corrosion, buckling or bent legs and bracing. Do not use tripod stands.)				
Is the tank support on a solid, level foundation? (Consider stability when using a ladder to access the fuel tank)				
Are ladders in sound condition and secure?	•			
(Look for corroded, bent or damaged rungs)				
Is the storage tank of sound construction? (Look for corrosion, leaks and seals)				
Are fittings, pumps and hoses leak-free and undamaged?				
Access to fuel storage for drivers				
Can the delivery tanker safely access the property off a public road?				
Can the delivery tanker securely access the fuel site from a farm road?				
Is the fuel site clear of obstacles, allowing the driver unimpeded access to the tank and access ladder?				
Is the tank fill point clear of debris or obstacles?		0		

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Farm fuel storage (up to 2,000L) in drums less than 250L in size				
Is the fuel in drums smaller than 250L?				
Is the fuel at least:				
- > 15m from protected places				
- > 6m from the farm shed for diesel drums?				
Is the fuel stored in the open, or in a well-ventilated building?				
Is the fuel stored in a bund preventing spills from endangering buildings or waterways?		•		
Do you refill drums outside buildings?				
Is static electricity avoided when refilling drums?				
(Do not use plastic or synthetic equipment; earth the drums)				

Date actions completed: DD / MM / YEAR
Signature: