

# **\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\***

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The **Land Forum** announced today that the **National Quality Mark Scheme for Land Contamination Management (NQMS)**, which has received support from both **DCLG** and **DEFRA**, is to be launched on **9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

From 09/01/2017 land contamination documents to be submitted by developers to regulators for development planning can bear an individual **Quality Mark**, to show that the work has been properly carried out and has followed the correct guidance.



The **Quality Mark** will be accompanied by a **Declaration of Document Adequacy** that is signed by a **Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQP)**. The SQP is a registered individual who has been assessed as competent under the **National Brownfield Skills Framework** and will have either undertaken or reviewed the work.

A **Register** of all documents that have been approved under the scheme along with their unique scheme registration number is available for cross-checking, along with details of the relevant SQP.

*"On behalf of the Environment Agency, I welcome the introduction of the Land Forum's National Quality Mark Scheme for Land Contamination Management".*

- James Bevan **CEO Environment Agency**

For further information on the Land Forum and the NQMS visit the website pages maintained by the Scheme Administrator CL:AIRE, [www.claire.co.uk/nqms](http://www.claire.co.uk/nqms)

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