

Over 100 registered Specialists in Land Condition (SiLC)

On behalf of the SiLC Professional and Technical Panel (PTP), the IEMA is pleased to announce that there are now more than 100 registered Specialists in Land Condition (SiLC).

A SiLC is a senior individual who has been working in land condition for a minimum of eight years. A SiLC is a multi-disciplined person with an awareness of the roles of individuals across the range of suitable professional bodies that make up the PTP along with an awareness of other related professions e.g. legal professions. The professional bodies that make up the PTP are:

- Association of Geotechnical Specialists
- Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management
- Institution of Civil Engineers
- Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
- Royal Society of Chemistry
- Chartered Institution of Environmental Health
- Geological Society

SiLC assessments take place in February and August each year. There are training days (preceding each assessment by about two months) for those who would like to learn more about the process of assessment and completion of the Land Condition Record (LCR). The SiLC Annual Forum, for registrants and other interested parties, occurs once a year, usually in the first quarter. For further details on SiLC assessments, training days and the SiLC Annual Forum please visit www.silc.org.uk.

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Notes:

1. **The Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)** is an independent membership body which provides recognition and support to environmental professionals, combining the disciplines of environmental management, auditing and assessment, encompassing both public and private sectors.
2. With over 10,000 members, the IEMA is a leading UK membership organisation dedicated to the promotion of the goal of sustainable development and to the professional development of individuals involved in environmental management and assessment. The IEMA is licensed by the Society for the Environment to award the Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) professional qualification
3. The SiLC Register was launched by the SiLC PTP in 2001.
4. The IEMA acts as a secretariat for the PTP and houses the SiLC register
5. A standard format for a Land Condition Record (LCR) was developed by a working group representing organisations in the property and environmental sectors. This work included input from regulatory authorities and public bodies with large land portfolios, so that the standard format for information on individual sites could be used for a variety of purposes.
6. In 1999, the Urban Task Force (UTF) Report recommended the introduction of standardised documentation that described the condition of land. Their intention was to encourage regeneration of urban areas and reduce urban sprawl. To build on brownfield land meant dealing with any risks to human health, or the environment, resulting from land contaminated by previous use. The UTF aim to build confidence and certainty in urban regeneration projects led to the development of a standard record, to hold factual chemical and physical information, relating to any piece of land. This was so that during the sale, purchase and redevelopment of land, all parties had access to the same data and could develop general agreement on the levels of risk associated with a particular site and its use.

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