

## ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

**UNIT CODE:** SW/CU/CP/BC/06/5/A

### Relationship to Occupational Standards

This unit addresses the Unit of Competency: Demonstrate Environmental Literacy

**Duration of Unit:** 25 hours

### Unit Description

This unit describes the competencies required to demonstrate understanding of environmental literacy. It involves controlling environmental hazard, controlling control environmental pollution, complying with workplace sustainable resource use, evaluating current practices in relation to resource usage, identifying environmental legislations/conventions for environmental concerns, implementing specific environmental programs and monitoring activities on environmental protection/programs.

### Summary of Learning Outcomes

1. Control environmental hazards
2. Control environmental Pollution
3. Demonstrate sustainable use of resource
4. Evaluate current practices in relation to resource usage
5. Identify Environmental legislations/conventions for environmental concerns
6. Implement specific environmental programs
7. Monitor activities on Environmental protection/Programs

### Learning Outcomes, Content and Methods of Assessment

Learning Outcome	Content	Methods of Assessment
1. Control environmental hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Purposes and content of Environmental Management and Coordination Act 1999</li><li>• Purposes and content of Solid Waste Act</li><li>• Storage methods for environmentally hazardous materials</li><li>• Disposal methods of hazardous wastes</li><li>• Types and uses of PPE in line with environmental regulations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Written test</li><li>• Oral questions</li><li>• Observation</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHS)</li> </ul>	
2. Control environmental Pollution control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Types of pollution</li> <li>• Environmental pollution control measures</li> <li>• Types of solid wastes</li> <li>• Procedures for solid waste management</li> <li>• Different types of noise pollution</li> <li>• Methods for minimizing noise pollution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written test</li> <li>• Oral questions</li> <li>• Observation</li> </ul>
3. Demonstrate sustainable resource use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Types of resources</li> <li>• Techniques in measuring current usage of resources</li> <li>• Calculating current usage of resources</li> <li>• Methods for minimizing wastage</li> <li>• Waste management procedures</li> <li>• Principles of 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)</li> <li>• Methods for economizing or reducing resource consumption</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written test</li> <li>• Oral questions</li> <li>• Observation</li> </ul>
4. Evaluate current practices in relation to resource usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collection of information on environmental and resource efficiency systems and procedures,</li> <li>• Measurement and recording of current resource usage</li> <li>• Analysis and recording of current purchasing strategies.</li> <li>• Analysis of current work processes to access information and data</li> <li>• Identification of areas for improvement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written test</li> <li>• Oral questions</li> <li>• Observation</li> </ul>
5. Identify Environmental legislations/conventions for environmental concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental issues/concerns</li> <li>• Environmental legislations /conventions and local ordinances</li> <li>• Industrial standard /environmental practices</li> <li>• International Environmental Protocols (Montreal, Kyoto)</li> <li>• Features of an environmental strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written questions</li> <li>• Oral questions</li> <li>• Observation</li> </ul>

<p>6. Implement specific environmental programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community needs and expectations</li> <li>• Resource availability</li> <li>• 5 s of good housekeeping</li> <li>• Identification of programs/Activities</li> <li>• Setting of individual roles /responsibilities</li> <li>• Resolving problems /constraints encountered</li> <li>• Consultation with stakeholders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written questions</li> <li>• Oral questions</li> <li>• Observation</li> </ul>
<p>7. Monitor activities on Environmental protection/Programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periodic monitoring and Evaluation of activities</li> <li>• Gathering feedback from stakeholders</li> <li>• Analysing data gathered</li> <li>• Documentation of recommendations and submission</li> <li>• Setting of management support systems to sustain and enhance the program</li> <li>• Monitoring and reporting of environmental incidents to concerned /proper authorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral questions</li> <li>• Written tests</li> <li>• Practical test</li> <li>• Observation</li> </ul>

**Suggested Methods of Instruction**

- Instructor led facilitation of theory
- Demonstration by trainer
- Viewing of related videos
- Project
- Assignments
- Role play

**Recommended Resources**

- Standard operating and/or other workplace procedures manuals
- Specific job procedures manuals
- Environmental Management and Coordination Act 1999
- Machine/equipment manufacturer’s specifications and instructions
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- ISO standards
- Ccompany environmental management systems (EMS)

- Montreal Protocol
- Kyoto Protocol

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