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3	LEV Plant details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serial number Asset number Date of last examination Frequency of testing The existence (and observation) of any LEV log book/maintenance records that proportionate to usage Commissioning report COSHH Regulation 6 Risk Assessment DSEAR Regulation 5 Risk Assessment (if applicable) or report 	Where the LEV system was previously undocumented the thorough test and examination record should be a suitable basis for carrying out a retrospective Commissioning report	
4	Introduction	The report should contain an introduction explaining the scope of the work required and the purpose, aims and objectives of the LEV system.		
5	Description of system		Detailed.	
6	Description of process to be controlled	Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequency of process, Quantities of substances, Operating temperatures. 	Detailed.	
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8	Result of test	Satisfactory / Un-satisfactory Next test due date.		
9	Testers details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name Contact details Signature 		
10	Executive summary	A clear statement of whether the system is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capable of adequately controlling the hazards, 	Numbered action points. Suggest break down into:	

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11	Photographs of systems	Photographic evidence showing evidence of issues raised within this report.	Labelled / noted. The readers attention should be focused on the problem area with the use of clouds/circles etc.	
12	Schematic drawing	Line schematic showing key components of the system including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hoods, ducting (inc sizes), dampers, filters, fan, discharge point & test points. 	Labelled / noted	
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16	Qualitative Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Use of dust lamp and/or Smoke tracing to check the effectiveness o Observation and comment on the appropriateness of the operator(s) use and adjustment of the system, including hoods, for effective control (i.e. Hoods positioned appropriately or number of extract points/hoods operated simultaneously etc.) 		
17	Quantitative assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pressure measurements, specifically behind hoods / across filters etc. o Airflow measurements; face & duct velocities & static pressures, including total volume flow o Effective range of capture hoods o The filter, efficiency and concentration of contaminant in filtered air which returns, or is vented to the workplace should be available, if not sampling of the LEV system exhaust air should be carried out. o The results of any air sampling relevant to LEV performance o Verification of clearance time in accordance with xxx of fully enclosed Spray booth(s) or room(s) in the absence of a clearance time add this to the required actions o Pressure gauges; presence & efficacy o Record the settings and performance of any invertors o Temperature and atmospheric pressure where deemed relevant 		
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Purpose:

This document is to be used as a **best practice guide** for the commissioning of local exhaust ventilation systems.

It is to be used by local exhaust ventilation (LEV) commissioning engineers.

It may also be helpful to system owners and duty holders in checking that commissioning has been carried out in accordance with statutory requirements and industry best practice.

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- Information and Documentation Required for Commissioning
- Installation Verification
- Demonstrating Adequate Control
- User Training
- Statement of Compliance
- Statement of Concern or Non-Compliance

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Name:		
Address:		
Section 2	Site Details	
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Area/room number/name:		
Conditions during test:		
Section 3	LEV Plant Details	
Serial number:		
Asset number:		
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Section 4	Executive Summary	
Item	Responsible person	Due date
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Summary of the Assessment of Control		
Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory

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Section 5 Test Engineers Details

I can confirm that the system addressed by this report has been carried out in full accordance with COSHH Regulation 9.
Name: Signature:

Contact details:

Section 6 Additional Plant Information

Frequency of testing: (Tick one)	Monthly	6 monthly	14 monthly	Other (specify)
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Evidence of: (Tick)	COSHH Reg 6 Risk Assessment	DSEAR Reg 5 Risk Assessment	Material Safety Data Sheets	
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Evidence of: (Tick)	Design Specification	Logbook	O&M Manual	User training records
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Section 7 DSEAR & ATEX

Is the substance: Flammable? Y/N Explosive? Y/N

Is the generation of an explosive atmosphere: (Tick one)	Present	Likely	Unlikely
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DSEAR Zoning:	Work area	Hood	Plant
Lower Explosive Limit:		Upper Explosive Limit:	

Explosion vent panel:			
Is one required?	Y/N	Is one fitted?	Y/N
Is it venting to a safe place?	Y/N	Is it in good condition?	Y/N
Explosion non-return damper:			
Is one required?	Y/N	Is one fitted?	Y/N
Is the connecting ductwork suitable?	Y/N		

Section 8 Conclusions and Comments

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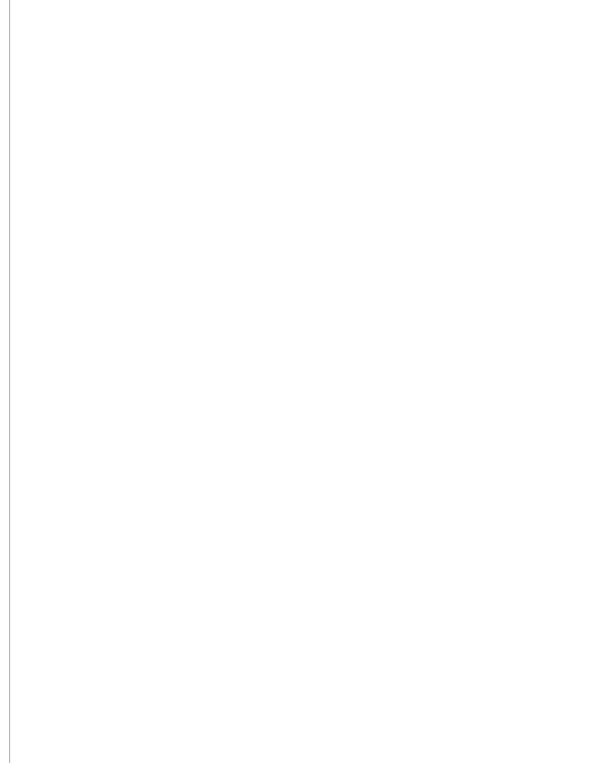
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Section 9

Schematic

Line schematic to show key components of the system.



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Section 10: Photographs	
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Appendices

1. Visual Assessment

- 1.1. Hood type
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- 1.5. Ducting condition
 - 1.5.1. Inside
 - 1.5.2. Outside
- 1.6. Discharge arrangement
- 1.7. Make-up air
- 1.8. Comments on wear & tear

2. Qualative Assessment

- 2.1. Method (dust lamp or smoke)
- 2.2. Evidence of test
- 2.3. Observations and comments

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- 3.1. Pressure measurements (at hoods, filters, fans)
- 3.2. Pressure gauges; presence & efficacy
- 3.3. Air flow measurements (face, duct & discharge velocities)
- 3.4. Effective capture zone (if appropriate)
- 3.5. Filter efficiency (if appropriate)
- 3.6. Air sampling results (if appropriate)
- 3.7. Clearance time (if appropriate)
- 3.8. Control settings (if appropriate)

4. Compliance and documentation

- 4.1. List of equipment used
- 4.2. Calibration certificates

5. User Training record

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