

Site Risk Categories / Risk Scoring Method

CATEGORY	RISK LEVEL	OUTCOMES
Higher Priority Site	Risk cannot be accepted save in extraordinary circumstances.	Where the risk assessment has defined a site as Higher Priority the installation of a VRS is justified in terms of the level of risk. Further consideration is then required to determine if the site meets the other appraisal criteria. Even at high risk sites non-VRS interventions may reduce the risk to a level where a VRS can be omitted.
Medium Priority Site	Intervention may be required to introduce control measures to drive residual risk towards the Lower Priority Site category. The residual risk can be tolerated only if further risk reduction is impracticable or requires action that is grossly disproportionate to the reduction in risk achieved.	Where the risk evaluation has identified a site as Medium Priority a VRS may be justified however a non-VRS approach to reducing the risk may prove sufficient to negate the need for a VRS. If suitable effective measures cannot be introduced then the appraisal process would normally continue in order to consider the other criteria.
Lower Priority Site	Level of risk regarded as generally acceptable. Further effort to reduce risk is not likely to be required as resources to reduce risk would be grossly disproportionate to the risk reduction achieved.	Where the risk evaluation identifies a site that is lower priority further appraisal is not required and the level of risk does not normally support installation of a VRS. Simple low cost measures that could reduce the risk can still be considered.