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Assessor	Print Name: Paul Bridge	Employee	Print Name:	Equipment or Plant No.	N/A
	Signed: P. Bridge		Signed:		

Persons Affected Individuals or Groups	Caretaker and other associated staff
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Hazards / Consequences	Existing Control Measures	Original Risk Assessment			Further Control Measures Required	Revised Risk Assessment with Further Control Measures		
		L	S	R		Modified		
		L	S	R		L	S	R
Exposure to virus.	<p>The Fogging Machine has been purchased specifically in response to the COVID19 virus, with the intention of reducing the risk of contamination and exposure.</p> <p>When entering a potentially COVID 2019 contaminated room, users should always wear the appropriate PPE – including face masks, goggles, gloves etc. and following the latest government advise.</p>	2	3	L				

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Operative exposure to chemical.	<p>Safety signs stating the rooms / areas are out of use must be displayed prior to undertaking work.</p> <p>Operators must be fully familiar with the operator's instructions and relevant Data Sheets & COSHH Risk Assessments before using the Fogging Machine. If in any doubt as to how to safely use the equipment, the operator should seek clarification and support from their Line Manager.</p> <p>Any spillages to be cleaned up immediately and safety signs displayed until area is dry.</p> <p>The Fogging Machine should only be used with the approved disinfectant suitable for use with this equipment. (Currently this is VIROSOL.)</p> <p>The area to be disinfected should be empty of everyone except the operator. All windows and entrances to the room should be secured – apart from the exit door to be used by the operator – which should be secured once the operator leaves the room.</p>	3	2	L	<p>Rooms / areas which have been fogged must be secured following the procedure.</p> <p>Safety signs stating the rooms / areas are out of use must remain clearly on display.</p> <p>The room must be cleared and signed off as safe to use prior to being opened & safety signs removed.</p> <p>A record of the full procedure should be completed and signed by the responsible person.</p>	3	2	L

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	<p>VIROSOL is not designated as an irritant when inhaled. However some operators have found it can cause irritation to the throat. Therefore operators should always wear a face mask & goggles when using this equipment / chemical. If an individual operator still encounters symptoms of irritation they should notify their Line Manager immediately.</p> <p>The Fogged area must not be opened until the disinfectant mist has fully dispersed.</p>							
Building users exposed to chemical	<p>Safety signs stating the rooms / areas are out of use will be displayed prior to undertaking procedure.</p> <p>Any spillages to be cleaned up immediately and safety signs displayed until area is dry.</p> <p>The area to be disinfected should be empty of everyone except the operator. All windows and entrances to the room should be secured – apart from the exit door to be used by the operator – which should be secured once the operator leaves the room.</p> <p>Where possible, surrounding areas should be cleared.</p> <p>On completion of the Fogging process the procedure for clearing the disinfectant mist will be followed. The room will remain locked and unused</p>	2	2	L				

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	until the room is deemed safe to use by the operative.						
Electrical Safety.	<p>Visually inspect the machine before and after every use, to ensure there is no damage to the equipment and especially to the plug and lead.</p> <p>Ensure any electrical equipment which is remaining in the area to be "Fogged" is switched off prior to starting the fogging procedure.</p>	1	4	L			

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Risk Assessment Notes:

The normal duties of consultation on health and safety matters still apply during the pandemic. Section 2(6) HSWA states:

“It shall be the duty of every employer to consult any such representatives with a view to the making and maintenance of arrangements which will enable him and his employees to co-operate effectively in promoting and developing measures to ensure the health and safety at work of the employees, and in checking the effectiveness of such measures.”

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Rating: Low = 1 – 6, Medium = 8 – 15, High = over 15

Risk Assessment Matrix (Probability and Likelihood Scales)													
		Likelihood Rating											
Severity Rating	Description	1	2	3	4	5	6						
		Very Unlikely	Unlikely	May happen	Likely	Very likely	Certain or imminent						
1	Delay only												
2	Minor injury, minor damage							LOW		MEDIUM			
3	Lost time injury, illness, major damage							LOW		MEDIUM		HIGH	
4	Major injury, disabling illness, major damage							LOW		MEDIUM		HIGH	
5	Single fatality, or permanent total disability							LOW		MEDIUM		HIGH	
6	Multiple fatalities							LOW		MEDIUM		HIGH	

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