

Independent Checking – Quality Principles

Make sure all checks, inspections or tests are completed by an independent party (i.e. not the person who completed the work in the first place).

Independent checks

The type of check depends on the document / information. It may be:

- Internal
- External (third party)
- Thorough / Detailed
- Formatting / Typographical Checks

It always has to be INDEPENDENT i.e. not by the person who has completed the work

What requires independent checks?

- Drawings / Designs
- Calculations
- Inspections and Tests of Construction Work
- Significant Project Documents (Construction Phase Plan / Project Management Plan etc.)
- Proposals / Risk Calls
- Purchase Orders
- Other

For full information on when independent checks are required see the processes in **The MWH Treatment Way** or your local Management Administration Plan (MAP) for your framework available on the company intranet.

Why are independent checks required?

- Because you can't see your own mistakes – what we see on screen or in reality is competing with the version we already hold in our head
- We may have biases
- We may be subject to time pressures to deliver e.g. we want a test to pass or a drawing to be correct due to a project deadline

Questions?

Q1: Name 3 documents that require an independent check?

Q2: State 3 different types of independent checks?

Q3: Why are independent checks required?

It's hard to see your own mistakes!

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